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NEARBY

100-year-old building collapses in Mamulpet

BENGALURU

A three-storey building, reportedly a century old, collapsed and goods worth around ₹50 lakh were destroyed in Mamulpet as a result of the heavy rains in the early hours of Saturday, August 6. Fortunately, none were hurt in the incident.

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'Revenue Dept. owner of Idgah land'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The decades-old controversy over the Idgah Maidan at Chamarajpet took a new turn on Saturday with the Bengaluru civic authority dismissing the petition filed by the Karnataka State Board of Auqaf for khata in its name. It declared Karnataka Revenue Department to be the owner of the land.

The Board authorities have decided to continue the legal fight for ownership.

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Jagdeep Dhankhar is new Vice-President

Alva condemns Opposition leaders who backed him

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

National Democratic Alliance candidate and former West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar will be the 14th Vice-President of the country. He secured 528 votes out of the 710 valid votes in the 16th Vice-Presidential election held in Parliament on Saturday.

The Opposition candidate and Congress leader, Margaret Alva, got 182 votes. Ms. Alva said by supporting Mr. Dhankhar "directly or indirectly", some Opposition parties and their leaders had damaged their own credibility.

Lok Sabha Secretary-General Utpal Kumar Singh, who was the Returning Officer of the election, told pressmen that of the 780 electors comprising of elected and nominated members of the Rajya Sabha and elected members of the Lok Sabha, 725 MPs voted. "The total elector turnout was 92.94%," Mr. Singh said.

The voting began at 10 a.m. and was closed at 5 p.m. The counting started at 6 p.m. and ended around 7.45 p.m.

Out of the 725 votes, 15 were invalid and the total valid votes were 710, which is 97.93% of the total votes. The Opposition was expecting close to 200 votes based on the support announced by various Opposition parties. Just two out of the 36 Trinamool Congress MPs turned up for voting. The Opposition party had announced that it would boycott the poll as it was not consulted before announcing Ms. Alva's candidature.

Big moment: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Vice-President-elect Jagdeep Dhankhar in New Delhi on Saturday. BJP president J.P. Nadda is seen. • PTI

Senior leaders congratulated Mr. Dhankhar over his victory. President Droupadi Murmu said the nation would benefit from his long and rich experience in public life. "My best wishes for a productive and successful tenure," she said. Outgoing Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu said the nation would greatly benefit from Mr. Dhankhar's vast experience and legal expertise. "My best wishes for a successful and fruitful tenure," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Mr. Dhankhar and congratulated him. "I am confident he will be an outstanding Vice-President. Our nation will gain tremendously from his intellect and wisdom," Mr. Modi said.

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Embassy intact, India ups Kabul work

Team that moved into mission finds equipment safe

SUHASINI HAIDAR
VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

The newly reopened Indian Embassy in Kabul is expected to increase its operations in Afghanistan, with the "technical team" posted there in June focusing on business and trade opportunities and distribution of food and medical aid.

This month, Afghanistan's Ariana airlines will follow Kam Air, which has been operating weekly flights between Kabul and Delhi every Thursday since July, and begin a weekly service as well, confirmed officials, indicating that they expect more goods to be transported via the air cargo route.

Wait continues: Visa facilitation services are yet to commence at the Indian Embassy in Kabul. • FILE PHOTO

However, the embassy, which has 60 to 70 personnel so far, has not opened any visa facilitation services yet. Only a "limited number" of visas have been issued to Afghanistan citizens through the e-visa route, disappointing hundreds of students and patients requiring treatment in India.

A senior government official said that contrary to expectations, the team that moved into the embassy on June 23 this year, 10 months after it was hastily evacuated, was surprised to find all the equipment, including ammunition, bulletproof jackets and surveillance devices, intact.

"They were in the same condition as they were a year ago," said the official, but added that all locks in the storage rooms and containers were broken, indicating that the Taliban forces that guarded the embassy in India's absence had checked the items left there.

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Centre sounds caution as COVID-19 cases rise

Ministry writes to six States and Delhi

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

The Union government has written to Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Odisha, Maharashtra, Kerala, Delhi and Karnataka following a steady rise in the average daily new cases of COVID-19 in the past few weeks.

In view of some changes in symptoms and clinical manifestation of the disease, it was crucial to monitor and report district-wise cases of influenza-like illness and severe acute respiratory infection in all health facilities to detect the spread of infection early, it said. Cautioning the States, the Health Ministry said it was worried as the upcoming months were likely to witness mass gatherings in the context of various festivities to be held across the country.

"This will lead to a large number of individuals undertaking intra- and inter-State journeys or congregating at the same places. This may potentially facilitate transmission of infectious diseases," the Ministry said.

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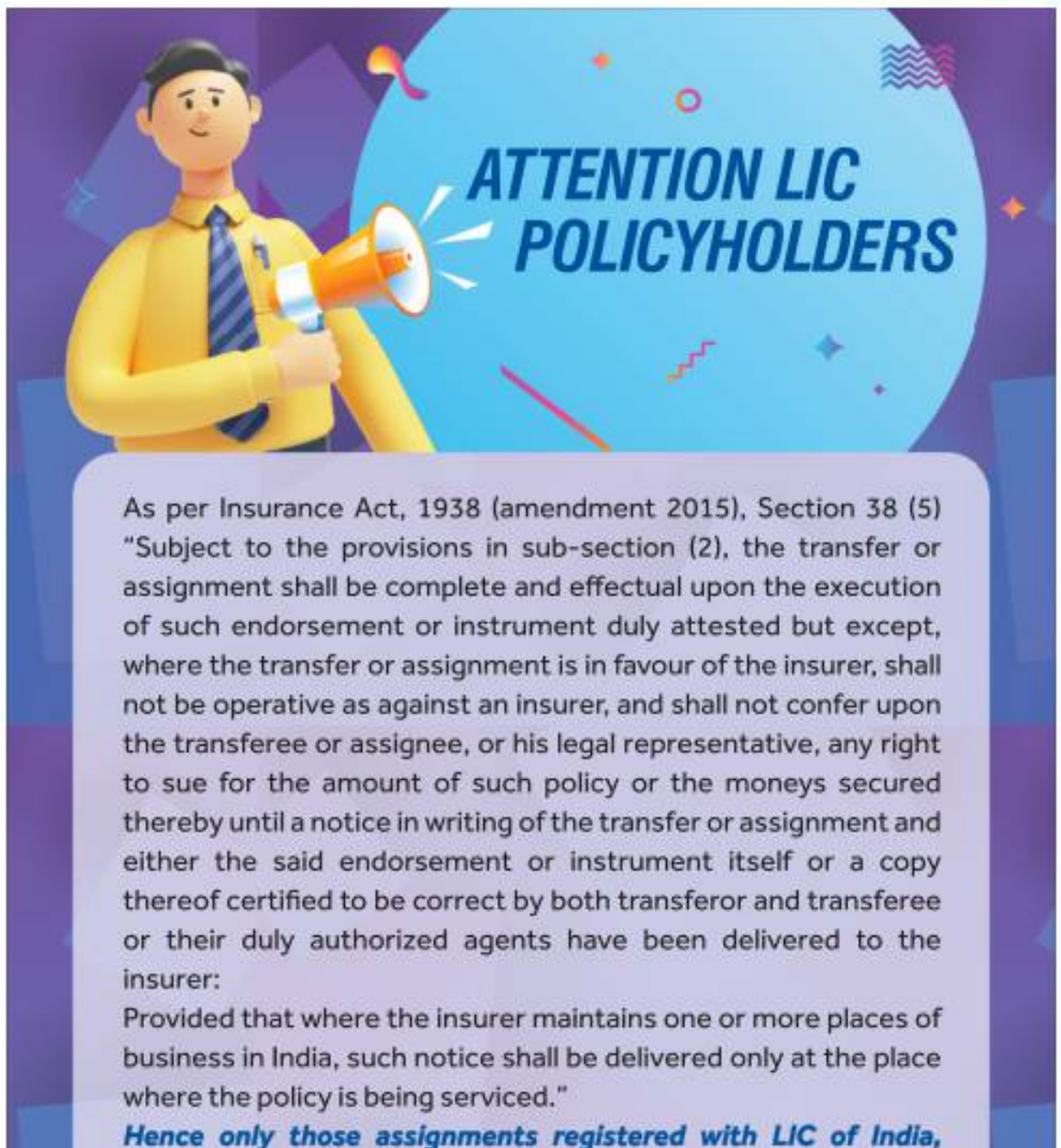

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Raw material: The process of making Kondapalli toys, named after an eponymous village in Andhra Pradesh, begins with cutting of the *Tella Poniki* wood.

Toy story

Kondapalli toys are highly prized as collectibles and exhibits

TEXT AND IMAGES BY G.N. RAO

Kondapalli in Andhra Pradesh is famous for toy-making, and many families eke out their livelihood with this 400-year-old art. The toys are made of a special wood called *Tella Poniki* from the forests of Kondapalli in NTR district.

The softness of the wood allows for easy carving but is sturdy enough to retain the detailing. The wood needs to be dry enough to make it lightweight and durable.

The artisans who originally made these toys came from Rajasthan: the features of the toy characters still show the influence.

The shift meanwhile is not just limited to the artisans themselves. New ways of marketing, especially via the online mode, have helped the toys travel far and wide. Ideas for the toys are drawn from mythology, rural life and nature and wildlife.

The artisans live in Bommala Colony (translates to Toys Colony). The families who make the toys are referred as *aryakshatriyas* (also known as *nakarshalu*), who the local people say find mention in the *Brahmanda Purana*, an ancient text.

The *Bommala Koluvulu*, also known as *Kolu* dolls, are displayed during Sankranthi, Dasara and Deepavali.

The toys are not only used for play. They are highly prized as collectibles and exhibits. The demand during the festival season is so much that traditional methods of making the toys is giving way to shortcuts. Natural colours are replaced by artificial dyes.

Some NGOs are helping to keep the tradition alive by organising workshops for young artisans. The effort to reverse the use of synthetic paint back to vegetable dyes is challenging, as it increases the cost of the toys. Under pressure to keep costs low, artisans want to use artificial dyes.

Touch of sun: Chopped pieces of the wood is laid out to dry at Kondapalli village.

Careful carving: Artisans begin to craft the toys.

Taking shape : The softness of the wood allows for easy carving and good detailing.

Team spirit: Families often sit together when making the toys.

Folk forms: An artisan paints a bullock cart toy, which is part of a rural life exhibit.

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Idgah Maidan row: BBMP rejects claims by wakf board for khata

Civic body to record 'Karnataka Revenue Department' as owner in its records

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The city's civic body has dismissed the petition filed by Karnataka State Board of Auqaf for a Khata in its favour for Idgah Maidan, at Chamarajpet (Survey number 40, Guttahalli village, 2 acres 5 guntas), and declared Karnataka Revenue Department to be the default owner of the land.

City survey records had recorded the land as a playground of the civic body, a claim that has also been given up now, with the civic body deciding to record 'Karnataka Revenue Department' as owner in its records.

S.M. Srinivas, Joint Commissioner (West), Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), who presided over the proceedings, issued the order on Saturday evening.

Idgah Maidan at Chamarajpet in Bengaluru • K. MURALI KUMAR

Old dispute

The decades-old dispute over Idgah Maidan was reignited in May-June, 2022, when a few Hindutva organisations sought permission of the civic body to hold events at the Maidan. This brought out two contrary sets of documents - Karnataka State Board of Auqaf presenting a 1965 gazette notifying the land as Wakf property and 1974 City Survey records and all civic records thereafter showing the land to be a civic playground. Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath who initially claimed the land to be a playground, later gave up the claim and said in fact the civic body was permanently injuncted from entering the land parcel and asked the Karnataka State Board of Auqaf to make a claim and get the khata in its name submitting relevant documents, following which the board made an application on June 21.

It submitted the 1965 government gazette and made the claim. However, in his order, Mr. Srinivas said the gazette only listed "Idgah, Sunni, Chamarajpet" in serial number 137, but did not mention the survey number, extent of land, corporation number or the chakkubandi of the land parcel, and hence, was unclear.

Three notices

He served the board three notices to submit a set of seven additional documents, two of which went unanswered. On the third notice, the board submitted a set of earlier court orders on August 3 and sought more time to submit other documents. However, Mr. Srinivas refused to give more time to the petitioners and dismissed the petition for khata on Saturday.

In his order, Mr. Srinivas argued that the Supreme Court order of 1964 only gave the Muslim community "congregational rights" and clearly said the burden of proving ownership and possession of the land on behalf of the Muslim community lay on the plaintiff. The order also argues that given that the community had only been given congregational rights over the land by the apex court, it does not satisfy the definition of "wakf" as per Wakf Act, 1954.

Over to Revenue Department

Given that the Karnataka State Board of Auqaf failed to provide adequate documents, the Joint Commissioner has ruled the Karnataka Revenue Department to be the owner of the land. The order states that this would in no way hamper the rights of the petitioner [Karnataka State Board of Auqaf] to claim and establish ownership of the land with Karnataka Revenue Department.

Wakf board to continue legal fight

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka State Board of Auqaf has decided to continue their legal fight for Idgah Maidan, Chamarajpet.

"The city's civic body has only rejected an application for Khata and it is clear that they are not the competent authority to decide on the ownership of the land. The civic body's order is also clear that we can pursue our case and the order will not hamper our claims. We will consult our legal teams and decide whether to continue our fight with the Revenue Department, now declared owner of the land, or challenge in the High Court," said Moulana Shafi Saadi, Chairperson of the Board.

Okkoota claim victory

Meanwhile, Rukmangada, general secretary, Chamarajpete Nagareekara Okkoota Vedike, a platform floated in July with several members of BJP in its legal committee, to "save the playground", termed the civic body's order "a victory".

"We now demand that the land be declared a public playground and named after Jayachamaraja Wadiyar and we be allowed to hoist the national flag and hold 75th Independence Day Celebration there," he said.

Tutor poses as under secretary to Governor, cheats people

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Police are on the hunt for a Ballari-based tutor, who allegedly cheated many people across the State promising them syndicate membership of universities, posing as an "under secretary" to the Governor of Karnataka.

The accused, identified as Sadrulla Khan, claimed to get people nominated to the syndicates of several universities and cheated at least three people so far. He recently cheated Geetha Shashikumar, promising to get her Syndicate membership in Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and took a huge amount of money. The accused also issued her fake appointment letter. The cheating came to light when the victims approached the universities with the appointment letter and found it to be fabricated.

The matter was brought to the notice of the Governor's office and Prabhushankar, Special Secretary to the Governor, probed the matter and filed a complain with the Vidhana Soudha police on Friday, for further investigations.

The accused used to run a tutorial in Ballari and incurred huge losses during the pandemic.

In order to recover the losses, he started cheating people posing as under secretary to the Governor. So far he had cheated Santosh S. and Mallikarjuna Balikai apart from Geetha Shashikumar, promising syndicate membership, a police officer said. Initially, he started cheating people promising to get small-time government jobs and later went for a bigger deal by taking the name of the Governor's office, to gain the confidence of the people.

Man held for stealing autorickshaws

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Alert police on Saturday caught a man and seized two autorickshaws that he had stolen. The accused, Raghu Marigudi, 35, was caught while he was waiting for passengers at Vidhana Soudha Layout Circle. When the police approached him, he tried to escape.

A detailed questioning led to the cracking of an autorickshaw theft case reported outside BBMP hospital in Shankar Nagar on July 29.

Raghu was brought to the station along with the autorickshaw. He confessed to stealing autorickshaws, one he had sold for ₹5,000 and the other he was using to ferry passengers to make money.

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Centre calls for urgent action against COVID-19 spread

Karnataka has contributed to 10.1% of India's weekly new cases in week ending August 5

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Karnataka has recorded a nearly two-fold rise in weekly COVID-19 cases since the third week of July. Bengaluru, which reported over 95% of the total daily cases, is now seeing a decline while the incidence is on the rise in the rest of Karnataka. At least 24 districts have recorded a significant rise in the last fortnight.

Karnataka has, in fact, contributed to 10.1% of India's weekly new cases in the week ending August 5. Concerned over the increasing cases, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan has written to the State reminding it of the need for heightened action to contain the spread of cases.

In his letter dated August 5 to Principal Secretary (Health and Family Welfare) T.K. Anil Kumar, Mr. Bhushan pointed out that Karnataka had recorded a 1.28 times increase in average daily new cases: from 1,435 (week ending July 29) to 1,837 (week ending August 5). An increase in the weekly positivity rate has also been reported from 5.30% (week ending July 29) to 6.28% (week ending August 5), the letter stated.

"The challenges which need to be addressed have been highlighted to the State multiple times. But the consistent increase as indicated above brings to the fore the need for heightened action at the State level to contain the spread of cases," the letter stated.

On the rise: A health worker collecting a swab sample of a commuter for a COVID-19 test, at Kempe Gowda Bus Stand, in Bengaluru. • FILE PHOTO

Areas of concern

"Seven districts (Chikkamagaluru, Bagalkot, Koppal, Ramanagaram, Haveri, Kalaburagi, and Bengaluru Rural) have reported a decline in the number of total tests conducted in week ending August 4 as compared to week ending July 28. As many as 24 districts have reported an increase in cases during the same period," the letter pointed out.

"The upcoming months are likely to witness mass gatherings in context of various festivities to be held in different parts of the country, leading to a large number of individuals undertaking intra- and inter-State journeys or congregating at the same places. This may potentially facilitate transmission of infectious diseases, including COVID-19. It is critical for the State to ensure adequate testing is undertaken in all districts while maintaining the recommended share of RT-PCR and antigen tests," the letter said, adding that the State must also closely monitor districts reporting higher cases to prevent further spread of infection.

ILI/SARI

The Centre has also directed the State to monitor and report district-wise ILI and SARI cases in all health facilities. "In view of some changes in symptoms and clinical manifestation of the disease, it is crucial to monitor ILI/SARI on a regular basis for detecting early warning signals of the spread of infection," the letter stated.

Genome sequencing of prescribed samples of international passengers as well as collection of samples from sentinel sites (identified health facilities) and local clusters of new COVID-19 cases is equally important. Such samples should be sent to the designated INSACOG lab network for sequencing, according to the letter.

Advising the State to diligently follow a five-fold strategy - Test-Track-Treat-Vaccinate and adherence to COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) within the community, the Centre said renewed attention needed to be paid for ensuring of CAB in crowded places such as markets, inter-State bus stands, schools, colleges and railway stations.

Bommai tests positive for COVID-19 again

His Delhi visit stands cancelled

KARNATAKA BUREAU
BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has again tested positive for COVID-19 after a gap of seven months. Following this, his scheduled Delhi visit has been cancelled.

Revealing his test results in a tweet on Saturday, the Chief Minister said: "I have tested positive or COVID with mild symptoms and have isolated myself at home. Those who came in contact with me in the last few days kindly isolate yourselves and get tested. My trip to Delhi stands cancelled."

Previously, the Chief Minister had tested positive in January this year.

Basavaraj Bommai

100-year-old building collapses in Mamulpet; no one injured

Building was served a notice a year ago for being unfit for occupation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A three-storey building, reportedly a century old, collapsed and goods worth around ₹50 lakh were destroyed in Mamulpet as a result of the heavy rains in the early hours of Saturday, August 6. Fortunately, none were hurt in the incident. The building was served a notice a year ago in August 2021, for being unfit for occupation. However, three shops continued to run in the building.

The two upper portions of the building meant for residential purpose have been vacant for the past many years while the ground floor was rented out to three shops, where around 20 people were working. Luckily, there were no casualties as the incident occurred in the wee hours when no one was around.

The incident occurred at around 3 a.m. Residents of the neighbouring buildings heard a heavy creaking sound and rushed out to notice the building crumbling down. The patrolling police, along with the fire and emergency service personnel, rushed to the spot to cordon the area and later removed the debris with the help of JCBs. There was little damage to the adjacent building as the old building crashed straight down and did not fall on any surrounding stuctures, a police officer said.

The spot where the building stood at Chickpet in Bengaluru. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

- The two upper portions of the building meant for residential purpose have been vacant for the past many years while the ground floor was rented out to three shops.

One of the owners of the three shops on the ground floor of the building said the roof of the shops were leaking even during brief spells of rains and despite taking up the issue with the owners several times, they had not responded and fixed it.

Hemalatha, AEE, BBMP, said they had served notice to the building owners in August 2021, as being unfit for occupation. "The owners of the building had declared it to be 100 years old," she said. The owners of the building had challenged the notice in a civil court which prevented the civic body from taking any precipitative action, she said.

No action so far on dilapidated buildings

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Two old and dilapidated buildings had collapsed owing to heavy rains in September 2021, prompting the then chief civic commissioner Gaurav Gupta to order a survey of all old and dilapidated buildings across the city. They were supposed to be evacuated and demolished. However, almost a year later, and another building collapsing on Saturday morning, the findings of the survey are nowhere to be found. No such building has been evacuated or brought down by the civic body in the last year, said sources in the civic body.

Ravindra P.N., Special Commissioner (Projects), Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), said the civic body would recommission a survey of old and dilapidated buildings across the city, in light of monsoons and take suitable action. "I will collate data from the zones if such a survey has already been carried out last year," he told *The Hindu*.

In a similar exercise in 2019, BBMP had identified 194 weak and dilapidated buildings, of which 77 were served notices. However, in most cases building owners were successful in getting stay orders from the city courts, leading to hurdles in taking any action.

Karnataka sees 1,694 fresh cases

With one death, the State's toll touched 40,114

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Saturday recorded 1,694 new COVID-19 infections taking the total number of cases to 40,18,250. With this, the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) stood at 6.02% and the weekly TPR touched 6.33%.

Of the new cases, 1,105 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With one death, the State's toll touched 40,114. Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded.

As many as 1,741 persons were discharged on Saturday taking the total recoveries to 39,66,739. Active cases stood at 11,355 on Saturday.

As many as 28,118 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, including 21,329 RT-PCR tests. With this, the total number of tests rose to 6,79,95,010.

Rain woes

Students use a yoga mat to avoid getting drenched in the rain in Bengaluru on Saturday. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

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Vascular diseases on the rise, but surgeons too few, says Health Minister

We have to ensure a strict health regimen to protect our blood vessels, he says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

For a population of about 1.3 billion, India has only around 500 vascular specialists, said Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar on Saturday, stressing the need to create increased awareness on vascular diseases in the country.

"Vascular disease is a lifelong medical condition that can lead to complications such as amputation (loss of a limb), poor wound healing, restricted mobility due to pain or discomfort," the Minister said.

Speaking after flagging off a walkathon organised by Vascular Surgeons Association of Karnataka (VASKAR) on the occasion of National Vascular Day, the Minister said although vascular diseases are on the rise, we have limited vascular surgeons in the country.

Walkathon

The walkathon with a theme "Save Limb, Save Life" was taken out from Town Hall to Kanteerva Stadium. Kannada cine actors – Prajwal Devaraj and Prem – were among the celebrities who took part in the walkathon.

"We have to ensure a strict health regimen to protect our blood vessels. If this is not done, it could lead to severe health problems including non-communicable diseases. These in turn could cause life threatening situations," the Minister said.

Pointing out that some people are prone to vascular diseases, he said, "Every six seconds, a person loses his/her leg in the world. We need to increase awareness among youngsters and those who are prone to such issues because of their professions such as policemen and teachers who stand for long periods of time. Awareness must also be created among professionals who have to work in front of computers for long periods of time, who have a sedentary lifestyle."

Indians susceptible

Vivekanand, president of VASKAR, said the disease strikes Indians at a younger age, with over half of cardiovascular disease deaths happening in people under the age of 50. Smoking, dyslipidemia, and hypertension in the young are some of the other risk factors.

Quoting data from the American Heart Association, the doctor said around 150,000 non-traumatic amputations are performed each year.

"Vascular illness develops when the arteries that carry blood from the heart to the rest of the body constrict, limiting blood and oxygen flow. It mainly affects the legs and feet, causing symptoms such as cramping, weakness, weariness, soreness, pain, or discomfort while walking that goes away after 10 minutes of rest," he said, adding that it should not be ignored.

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70 lost lives in rain-related incidents in State since June

CM directs officials to expedite rescue and relief operations; allocates ₹200 crore

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BENGALURU

As rains continue to batter many parts of Karnataka, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai held a virtual conference with 17 Deputy Commissioners and other senior officials of the worst-hit districts on Saturday and directed them to deploy additional two teams of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for expediting relief and rescue operations.

He also ordered the release of ₹200 crore to Deputy Commissioners of 21 districts for undertaking relief operations. A sum of ₹657 crore is already with Deputy Commissioners as on August 2, for undertaking relief measures.

As many as 70 people have been killed in rain-related incidents in Karnataka since June and extensive damage caused to properties and crops.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who tested positive for COVID-19, chaired a meeting with officials on the rain situation from his residence on Saturday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Rain havoc from June 1 to August 6

People killed:	70
Head of cattle killed:	507
Completely damaged houses:	3,559
Agricultural crops:	12,9087 hectares
Horticultural crops:	7,942 hectares
Partially damaged houses:	17,212
Urban roads:	3,162 km
Rural roads:	8,445
School buildings:	4,531
Anganwadi centres:	222
Electricty poles:	16,760
Transformers:	1,469
Electric wires:	409 km
Minor irrigation lakes:	93

21 districts

Mr. Bommai, who has tested positive for COVID-19, chaired the meeting from his residence, and obtained details of the havoc caused. The DCs of Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, Kodagu, Shivamogga, Hassan, Mandya, Mysuru, Davangere, Tumakuru, Ramanagaram, Yadgir, Koppal, Haveri, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Gadag, and Chikkamagaluru participated in the meeting.

District-wise of release of funds for various districts is as follows: Dakshina Kannada ₹20 crore, Uttara Kannada ₹10 crore, Ballari ₹5 crore, Chikkamagaluru ₹10 crore, Chitradurga ₹5 crore, Davangere ₹15 crore, Dharwad ₹5 crore, Gadag ₹5 crore, Hassan ₹15 crore, Haveri ₹5 crore, Koppal ₹10 crore, Mandya ₹10 crore, Raichur ₹10 crore, Shivamogga ₹10 crore, Tumakuru ₹10 crore, Udupi ₹15 crore, Vijayanagara ₹5 crore, Mysuru ₹15 crore, Chamarajanagar ₹5 crore, Chikkaballapur ₹10 crore.

Mr. Bommai directed officials concerned to take steps to restore supply of electricity, and road connectivity in rural areas as early as possible. He also told ESCOM officials to keep sufficient stock of transformers and electric poles.

Survey of crop damage

He instructed officials to conduct a joint survey of crop damage and take steps to ensure transparency in the distribution of compensation to farmers for crop loss. The Chief Minister told engineers of the Water Resources department to alert villages located downstream while releasing water from reservoirs to prevent floods and crop loss.

On landslips and damage to houses in Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, and Uttara Kannada, Mr. Bommai told officials to take steps to shift families from locations which can potentially suffer landslides during the monsoon. The officials have been told to provide ration kits to people who have refused to stay at relief centres.

Kittel's granddaughter invited to Haveri Sahitya Sammelana

The three-day literary meet will start on November 11

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The 86th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana (All-India Kannada literary meet) is scheduled to be held at Haveri from November 11 to 13 and will be chaired by poet Doddarange Gowda.

The granddaughter of Ferdinand Kittel (1832-1903), the much-respected lexicographer of Kannada, who lives in Germany, and Chandra Arya, Canadian MP, from Karnataka, who spoke in Kannada in Parliament, have been invited to participate in the conference.

The organisers are trying to make this a "dust-free and plastic-free" event.

The statue of Ferdinand Kittel in Bengaluru. • FILE PHOTO

Two-year break

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the 86th sammelana was not held for the last two years, though the place and the person to chair it had been announced by the Kannada Sahitya Parishath (KSP).

KSP president Mahesh Joshi told *The Hindu* that the event will be inaugurated on November 11, which also happens to be Kanakadasa Jayanti. November 12 is second Saturday and November 13 is Sunday, which will make it convenient for people to participate, he said.

"Extensive discussions will be held in the conference on many issues, including the issue of closure of Kannada schools," he explained. Speaking on the draft of the Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Bill, 2022, he emphasised the need to speed up its implementation.

86 books

"We are publishing 86 Kannada books through KSP and 37 books are related to Haveri district's art, literature, and culture. In addition of this, we will honour and felicitate 86 people who have worked for the development of Kannada and Karnataka," he said.

"We have already formed overseas units and we will try to involve them in this conference," Mr. Joshi revealed.

Hindi on website

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Reacting to the official website of the Kannada and Culture Department using Hindi while publicising 'Har Ghar Tiranga' and Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, Kannada Sahitya Parishat president Mahesh Joshi said it was "shameful."

The parishat, he said, would be writing to the Minister concerned in this regard. The Leader of the Opposition had condemned the use of Hindi in the website in a series of tweets on Friday, following which the department had removed the material.

Nirani invites Tokyo Kannada diaspora to GIM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Minister for Large and Medium Industries Murugesh R. Nirani invited the Tokyo Kannada diaspora to participate in the Global Investors Meet (GIM) scheduled from November 2 to 4 in Bengaluru.

The Karnataka delegation led by him visited Tokyo on Saturday to invite Japanese investors to participate in the GIM.

Speaking at a programme organised by the Tokyo Kannada diaspora at the Embassy of India in Japan, Mr. Nirani said: "Karnataka and Japan have cordial industrial relations. A Japanese Industrial Township has been set up at Vasanthanarasapura, Tumakuru. Around 519.55 acres have been earmarked and basic infrastructure facilities provided. We will encourage and extend all support to Japanese companies investing in Karnataka."

The World Economic Forum Meet in Davos proved fruitful for Karnataka as the State succeeded in drawing huge investments. Under Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, investments worth ₹1 lakh crore have been signed in the last 3-4 months, Mr. Nirani said.

Ganesh Krishnaiah of Tokyo Kannada diaspora said the diaspora has more than 1,000 members and many of them have been honoured by the Japanese government for their contribution towards the development of the country.

Govt. restructures policy and planning commission

It is now State Institute for Transformation of Karnataka

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

On the lines of National Institute for Transformation of India (NITI Aayog), the Karnataka government on Saturday restructured the Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission (KSPPC) as the State Institute for Transformation of Karnataka (SITK).

This is aimed at increasing the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) and removing regional imbalances in development indicators.

₹150 crore would be allocated annually to SITK for its effective functioning, an order issued by the government said. The Chief Minister would be the chairman of SITK. The deputy chairman of SITK would be nominated by the State government. Additional Chief Secretary of the Planning Department would be the Chief Executive Officer.

The other objectives of SITK are attaining sustainable development goals (SDGs) by 2030 and India@2047 goals and realising the vision of Nava Karnataka and thereby contributing to the New India as envisaged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said the policy document.

On the lines of the NITI Aayog, eight experts would be appointed as advisors in different fields. Experts in education, health, agriculture and industry, rural and urban development, science and technology, skill development and employment, cleanliness and green energy, economy and finance would be appointed as advisors to the SITK, the order said.

Ministers holding portfolios of planning, finance, social welfare, education, agriculture, rural development and panchayat raj, IT/BT and urban development would be special invitees of SITK.

As many as 14 reputed institutions of the State government and non-State government would be "partner institutions" of SITK. They include Karnataka Innovative Authority, Fiscal Policy Institute, Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute, Administrative Training Institute, Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development, State Institute of Urban Development, National Law School University of India, Indian Institute of Science, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Administrative Reforms Commission-II, Jnana Aayog, Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology, and Indian Institute of Management.

The Planning Department's District Planning Division, Technical Division, Karnataka Evaluation Authority (KEA) and Library and Publicity wing would become part of SITK, the order said.

KEA to be renamed

KEA will be renamed as Karnataka Monitoring and Evaluation Authority. Ten technical wings on various subjects would become part of SITK.

HC dismisses govt. appeal in Joy Ice Cream-Prestige land deal case

Govt. in 2015 had ordered to take back land on which residential flats were built

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka has upheld a 2017 verdict of a single judge, which had quashed the government's 2015 controversial order to take back land on which residential flats were built by Prestige Estates Projects Ltd., at Pattandur Agrahara village near Whitefield.

The Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J.M. Khai passed the order while rejecting the appeals filed by the State government and the Samaja Parivarthana Samudaya, NGO, challenging the single judge's decision.

"There is no material on record to hold that the land has been either allotted or conveyed in contravention of the rules..." observed the Bench.

The single judge had quashed the two Government Orders issued on August 8 and 11, 2015, to take back three acres and 23 guntas of land on the allegation that M/s Joy Ice Cream Pvt. Ltd., (JICPL), to which land was allotted, had illegally sold the land to Prestige Estates by violating the condition imposed by the Deputy Commissioner for using the land for developing a software park and serviced apartments.

Panic among residents

The orders to take back the land had triggered panic among the flat purchasers and the developer as over ₹100 crore was already spent for building residential apartment complex on the land.

The single judge had said: "Merely because a different establishment takes over...settled things cannot be unsettled thereby, jeopardising the rights of third parties."

Meanwhile, the Division Bench too has found that the State government in 2005 had allotted the land to JICPL for a sum of ₹5.3 crore without imposing any condition but it was the Deputy Commissioner who had introduced the condition in the allotment letter. However, said condition was withdrawn in 2012 as it was found contrary to 2005 order of the government.

No conditions

The Bench also noted that Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) had executed the absolute sale deed in favour of JICPL as the government had not imposed any condition.

This land was acquired for industrial purpose in 1989 and was leased in favour of JICPL, which owned other parcels of lands around this land. However, the lease was discontinued following some dispute. Finally, in 2005 the government accepted JICPL's request for allotting the land for a sum.

Sold a month later

While KIADB in July 2006 had executed sale deed in favour of JICPL, which a month later had sold it to Prestige Estate, which had in 2010-12 got clearances to begin construction.

The Division Bench also declined to accept the claim that construction of residential apartment in an industrial area is contrary to the law while pointing out that the statutory authorities had permitted the construction, and such permissions were not questioned by anyone.

National Handloom Day today

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Department of Handlooms and Textiles will hold the 8th National Handloom Day on Sunday.

Handloom weavers will be presented with State-level awards by Minister Shankar Patil Munenakoppa. The event will be held at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath on Kumarakrupa Road from 11.30 a.m.

Ragi Kana Santhe is also celebrating Handloom Day on Sunday. There will be a talk by Akkai Padmashali, transgender activist, about the challenges faced by the community.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Rag Kana premises, Gottigere, off Bannerghtta Road, in Bengaluru.

Mughal era coins minted during power struggles get high bids at auction

Coins minted by Kam Baksh and Khurram carry nuggets of little-known history

SHARATH S. SRIVATSA
BENGALURU

In one of the highest bids received for a gold coin in the post-pandemic times, a 10.9 gm gold mohur minted at Dar-uz-Zafar mint, Bijapur, by Kam Baksh, went for a whopping ₹58 lakh in Bengaluru.

In another high-priced auction, a Khurram rebellion silver rupee coin has been sold for ₹22 lakh, the highest for a silver coin in recent years. Weighing 11.20 gm, the rebellion silver coin was minted in Kabul in 1627 C.E. (Hijri year 1037) in the name of Khurram, the pre-accession name of Shah Jahan.

A Khurram rebellion silver rupee coin has been sold for ₹22 lakh, the highest for a silver coin in recent years. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

By Kam Baksh

The gold coin by Kam Baksh is classified as unique minted in the Hijri year 1119 (from March 25, 1707, to March 12, 1708). It came after Kam Baksh, the fifth son of Aurangzeb, declared himself the king after seizing control of Bijapur soon after his father's death.

He had been appointed as in charge of the Deccani province of the Mughal Empire just before Aurangzeb's death. "This is the highest bid that a gold coin has received since a Jehangir-era commemorative coin went for ₹1.16 crore in 2019. We are seeing a trend of more interest being evinced for high-value coins by collectors who are making their own sets," said Rajendra Maru of Bengaluru-based Marduhar Arts, an auction house recognised by the Archaeological Survey of India. "This coin is unusual and of extreme rarity," he said.

The obverse of the coin has "struck coin in the Dakkan, on the sun and moon. The Emperor Kam Baksh, refugee of the faith."

Kam Baksh's Gold Mohur became important since initially Shah Alam Bahadur, the oldest son of Aurangzeb, who had ascended the throne had not taken Kam Baksh as a serious contender. However, when Kam Baksh struck coins in his name at mints in Bijapur, Ahsanabad, Nusratabad, Haidarabad, Torgal, Gokak, and Imtiyazgarh, Shah Alam took it as a direct indictment of insubordination. In a pitched battle that ensued between the two armies on January 13, 1709, on the outskirts of Haidarabad, Kam Baksh was injured and died of wounds sustained in the battle, on January 14.

The silver coin minted by Khurram has Arabic legend on the obverse and in the reverse has Persian legend. The reverse has Zarb Kabul (mint name) at the bottom. This coin is classified as of great rarity and unique.

This coin was minted by Khurram during the succession battle that broke out soon after the death of Jehangir.

According to Mr. Maru, the rebellion issue has only 1037 Hijri year mentioned and does not have a Regnal year, and it was a common practice under the Moghul Empire to issue coins with Regnal year and Hijri year on it.

How it survived

"Probably, Shah Jahan knew that the coin he was striking was not an official issue and that is why Regnal year is not mentioned. There is also a probability that Dawar Baksh, who had ascended the throne at Lahore got to know and passed orders to collect all these coins from circulation and destroy them. Fortunately, this coin may have been carried by a traveller or a merchant and taken to a different province," he said. An untold historical episode was thus saved for posterity.

'My biggest challenge is human management'

Actors Aamir Khan, Naga Chaitanya, and Mona Singh at IIM, Bengaluru, on Saturday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Actor-director-producer Aamir Khan was at the campus of Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore on Saturday, 13 years after the movie *3 Idiots* was shot there.

He was invited for Vista 2022, the business fest hosted by the students, according to a release. He was part of the panel on "Facets of Management in Films and Life" with actors Naga Chaitanya and Mona Singh.

Answering a question by Vasanthi Srinivasan, faculty at IIM-B, who was moderating the session, Mr. Khan said he constantly strives to stay relevant to younger people. "I am 57-years-old now but in my head I am still 18. That's why I want to do films for children ever so often because when a five-year-old loves your film, they will stay loyal to you for the next 15-20 years," he said.

His biggest challenge, Mr. Khan said, was human management, not creative challenges.

"As director, you need to get the best out of everyone on the sets. During COVID, I went through a lot of introspection. I have grown greatly as a person. It made me realise that it is the emotional and mental wellbeing of each one of us that makes us do good work. All of us must focus on emotional and mental health," he said.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
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E-Tender Notification

(Two Cover System - Only through e-procurement portal)
No. KPCL/2022-23/EL/Work Indent 12626/Call-2 Date:04-08-2022
Tenders are invited from reputed contractors through GOK e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **" Replacement of LT lines / poles / Service Mains by laying U.G. Cable inside the colony for TC No-4 (Type-V area) "** **EMD:** ₹ 1,11,000/-. **Last date for submission of bids (both cover 1 & 2) along with documents to meet qualification criteria:** 19-08-2022, 16:00 hrs. Bid documents can be downloaded from the above GOK e-portal. Further details can be had from: The Executive Engineer (CPS), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur Dist. Mobile:9449596596 e-mail: eecpsrtps@gmail.com KPCL website: https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in

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Sri Lankans' job hunt in West Asia hurts prospects of NRIs

1.56 lakh people from the island nation have left for greener pastures

DHINESH KALLUNGAL
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

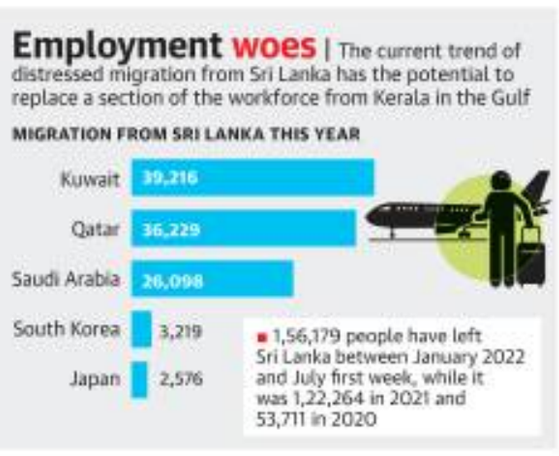
The desperate migration of Sri Lankan youths to West Asian cities in search of jobs has created flutters in the overseas job market as it may affect the employment prospects of Indians, especially Keralites, who account for a major share of Indians who work in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.

According to statistics available by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Promotion (SLBFEP), as many as 1.56 lakh Sri Lankan youths have left for various countries, mainly West Asia, since January.

The Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in GCC countries said the distressed migration from Sri Lanka had the potential to replace a section of the workforce from other countries, including from India, in the Gulf if the current trend continued. Compared to Indians, Sri Lankans were cheap alternatives for companies here as they could employ two or three Sri Lankans in place of an Indian, said Ibrahim Kaleel, State secretary, Kerala Muslim Cultural Centre (KMCC), Dubai, the NRI outfit of the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML).

Among the countries which received the Sri Lankans, Kuwait accounts for the highest number of 39,216 people, followed by Qatar (36,229), Saudi Arabia (26,098), South Korea (3,219) and Japan (2,576). Obviously, the Sri Lankan migration to GCC countries would have a ripple on the job markets in West Asia as large-scale migration would often redefine the existing markets. And the chances were high if it was a distressed migration, said Rejimon Kuttappan, a migration expert.

Employment woes | The current trend of distressed migration from Sri Lanka has the potential to replace a section of the workforce from Kerala in the Gulf


MIGRATION FROM SRI LANKA THIS YEAR
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1,56,179 people have left Sri Lanka between January 2022 and July first week, while it was 1,22,264 in 2021 and 53,711 in 2020

Earlier, female housemaids from Sri Lanka had mainly migrated to West Asian cities even as the educated people from that country were looking for commonwealth countries such as Australia or the U.K. for migration.

But the current spectrum of civil war coupled with political and economic uncertainty seemed to have driven the present distressed migration, said Muraleedharan Nair, former Indian diplomat in China.

G. Pramod Kumar, former senior advisor, United Nations Development Programme (Asia Pacific), said they did not have a legacy of

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skilled professional migration in West Asia.

In the past, women housemaids accounted for 80% of their migration to West Asia, which even created a lot of social issues in the island nation. But now, male constituted major share of their migration.

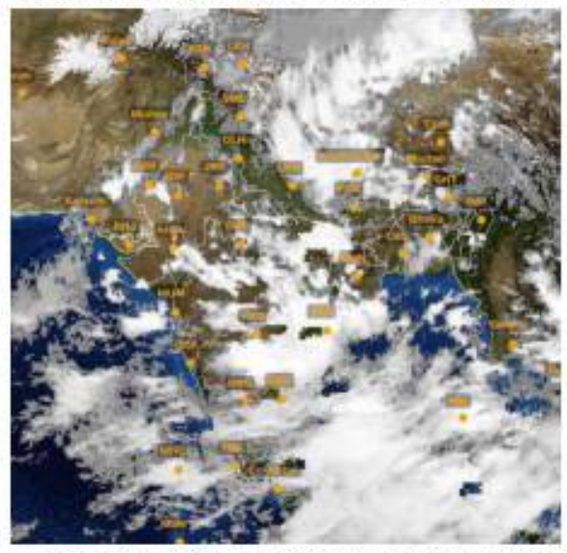
Though it would create some ripple effect in the job market in the initial days, it would not have a lasting effect as they did not have a legacy like Indians in GCC countries, said Mr. Pramod Kumar.

The SLBFEP figures also revealed that among the 1.56-lakh people who went abroad for jobs, 38,871 were for domestic jobs and the rest were for professional and other jobs.

Satheesh Kottayi, a native of Palakkad, said he was interviewed by a company in Oman two months ago and he was asked to make preparations to join the company in a month. "I had worked earlier in this company as a surveyor. Hence, I put in my papers in the company where I had been working. Even after two months, the company was yet to provide a visa. I was told by some colleagues that the company was exploring the possibility of recruiting Sri Lankans," he said.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	17	33.5	26.0	Kozhikode	11	28.4	23.2
Ahmedabad	–	34.4	25.9	Kurnool	0.6	30.8	23.9
Aizawl	28	27.0	21.1	Lucknow	–	36.0	28.8
Allahabad	–	36.5	29.2	Madurai	0.1	34.4	23.6
Bengaluru	2.5	24.2	19.8	Mangaluru	84.8	24.6	22.1
Bhopal	37.8	–	23.4	Mumbai	25	31.3	25.0
Bhubaneswar	36.6	29.2	25.6	Mysuru	4	26.0	19.4
Chandigarh	–	36.5	26.9	New Delhi	9	33.5	26.3
Chennai	–	33.7	26.9	Patna	–	34.7	28.5
Coimbatore	–	28.8	22.2	Port Blair	2	28.0	25.1
Dehradun	14	33.1	22.7	Puducherry	0.3	33.4	24.2
Gangtok	1.2	22.5	17.8	Pune	15.9	29.6	21.2
Goa	40	28.5	22.5	Raipur	–	33.2	26.0
Guwahati	–	34.5	28.2	Ranchi	–	31.0	25.2
Hubballi	–	25.0	22.0	Shillong	12	24.4	18.6
Hyderabad	2	30.0	22.9	Shimla	9	26.0	19.3
Imphal	5	29.4	21.7	Srinagar	–	29.3	19.7
Jaipur	23	34.0	24.2	Thiruvananthapuram	–	30.2	23.4
Kochi	16	28.4	23.4	Tiruchi	–	33.5	25.5
Kohima	10	24.6	16.4	Vijayawada	3	31.0	25.2
Kolkata	–	31.5	27.4	Visakhapatnam	–	33.0	26.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	–	24	–	61	94	
Bengaluru	22	33	129	–	42	
Chennai	4	28	62	25	66	
Delhi	–	45	41	150	113	
Hyderabad	19	23	15	32	60	
Kolkata	9	12	16	28	41	
Lucknow	9	77	61	67	80	
Mumbai	12	2	28	140	113	
Pune	–	41	97	–	–	
Visakhapatnam	16	34	27	37	67	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Buxar, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 191 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

IN BRIEF

KCR to boycott NITI Aayog meeting today

HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has said that he will boycott the meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog on Sunday as a mark of protest against the dictatorial attitude of the Central government in overlooking the recommendations of the body. He said it was a painful decision to stay away from the meeting but he took it out of compulsion with the belief that it would open the eyes of the Centre.

FIR against JD(S) MLA for intimidating forest staff

He is accused of preventing officials from discharging their duty

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

An FIR has been registered against Nagamangala MLA Suresh Gowda of the Janata Dal (S) and nine others for intimidating and abusing Forest Department staff and preventing them from discharging their duties. The incident occurred on August 4 and the video of the MLA abusing the forest staff and instigating his followers had gone viral, evoking strong rebuke from the public.

The FIR was registered by the Nagamangala Rural police station at 11.30 p.m. on August 5. It is based on the complaint by Range Forest Officer B. Satish and Mr. Suresh Gowda is A1 among the 10 accused, in the FIR.

A video grab of Janata Dal (S) MLA Suresh Gowda taking forest staff to task.

Mr. Satish complained that he and his colleagues were at Halthi village in Nagamangala taluk to clear encroachment of forest land when Mr. Suresh Gowda arrived at the spot and prevented them from discharging their duty.

The accused not only threatened and intimidated the staff but also instigated people to set the department vehicle on fire if they set their foot on the village, said Mr. Satish in the complaint.

The Karnataka State Forest Guards and Forest Watchers' Association had complained to the Conservator of Forests and other officials in the department. They had threatened to resort to agitation if no legal action was initiated against the MLA.

The association stated that field staff of the Forest Department enforcing the law in trying to clear encroachment or intervening in human-animal conflict were subjected to intimidation and abuse on a regular basis.

The land in question was a deemed forest and the government through a gazette notification transferred 374 acres to the Forest Department. But the MLA argued that the records indicated that it was gomal Land and the ownership vested with the Revenue Department and not with the Forest Department. Besides, Mr. Suresh Gowda had told the foresters "not to step into the village again" till a joint survey was completed.

Meanwhile, Forest Department officials said that they had begun clearing the encroached land and even planted saplings on Saturday and the process would continue.

FIR filed against RFO

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Within 24 hours of an FIR being registered against Nagamangala MLA Suresh Gowda based on a complaint by the local Range Forest Officer Satish, an FIR has been registered against him and four others in the Nagamangala Rural police station, on Saturday. The complainant Chandre Gowda accused Mr. Satish and his colleagues of trying to "murder" him and alleged that forest guard Dileepopened fire in the air on July 31.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT
BHOOMI MONITORING CELL
First Floor, SSLR Building, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560001
Phone: 080-22113255

No: BMC/OS/VHC/01/2022-23 Date: 06.08.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited for Hiring of 07 Vehicles (Cars) to Bhoomi Monitoring Cell, Revenue Department. The last date for uploading filled tender forms in e-procurement portal is **20.08.2022 by 5.00 PM.** Details regarding terms and conditions are available at **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Assistant Commissioner,
Bhoomi Monitoring Cell, Revenue Department

DIPR/CP/Advt/1707/2022-23

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

AGRICULTURE PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE, Mysore has invited tender through e-procurement portal as per KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 and related circular & orders issued by Government of Karnataka for the approved 5 no. of Package works for the FY-2022-23 under Annual Action Plan for below.

Sl No.01: Name of the work : Package: 01 : Total no. of works-6, Amount Put to tender : **Rs.3,50,76,069=37,** EMD Amt. in **Rs. 5,26,100/-**, KW-4 Clause 3 Civil Contractor
Sl.No.02: Name of the work : Package: 02 : Total no. of works- 3, Amount Put to tender : **Rs.4,06,92,134=75,** EMD Amt. in **Rs.6,10,400/-,** KW-4 Clause 3 Civil Contractor
Sl No.03. Name of the work : Package: 03 : Total no. of works- 4, Amount Put to tender : **Rs.3,98,36,969=33,** EMD Amt. in **Rs. 5,97,600/-,** KW-4 Clause 3 Civil Contractor
Sl No.04: Name of the work : Package: 04 : Total no. of works- 4, Amount Put to tender : **Rs.3,77,88,444=37,** EMD Amt. in **Rs. 5,66,900/-,** KW-4 Clause 3 Civil Contractor
Sl No.05. Name of the work : Package: 05 : Total no. of works- 2 – Electrical Work, Amount Put to tender : **Rs.1,01,69,364=27,** EMD Amt. in **Rs. 1,52,600/-,** KW-4 Clause 3 Electrical Contractor
Pre-bid meeting for all above works will be held at the office meeting hall on **Date: 22.08.2022 at 11.30 AM.** Last date for submission of filled in tender documents through e-procurement for all the above works indivisually is on date: **09.09.2022 upto 4.30 PM.** Date of Opening of Tender : **12.09.2022, 4.30 PM.** For more information contact this office during office hours. To download tender documents visit website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam.

Sd/- Secretary, APMC, MYSORE **Sd/-Administration Officer, APMC, MYSORE**

DIPR/DD-MYS/MC&A/333/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 12648/CALL-2 Date: 04.08.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tender invited through e-procurement portal from agencies for the work of **Supply, Installation and commissioning of Air Conditioners & Water coolers with accessories for different locations of RTPS-ARC basis,** from reputed firms/ organisstions/ contractors. Last date for receipt of tenders: **11.08.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.** All relevant details are available in the e-portal: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (LT)-1,** KPCL, RTPS, Shaktinagar - 584170, Raichur Dist. Mobile: 94495 96537. E-mail: eelt1rtpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in ; eelt1rtps@gmail.com

Office of The Deputy Director (Admn.) and District Project Co-ordinator, Samagra Shikshana Karnataka, Department of Public Instruction, Chikkamagaluru.

No.: SSA.C2TALP20/2021-22 Date: 03.08.2022

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in two covers, separately, for providing All in One Computer, Laptop, Projector, Projector Screen, Approx. Amount Rs. 65,00,000/- and U.P.S., Battery, Approx. Amount Rs. 9,10,000/- to selected 13 Govt. Higher Primary Schools under Samagra Shikshana Karnataka, Department of Public Instruction in Chikkamagaluru District and last date for Interested Firms to submit Tenders through online is 01.09.2022 up to 5.30 PM. Can participate in the Tender through e-procurement portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and further information can be obtained through this office Ph. No.: 08262-295959 &-mail ID: egov chikkamagalore@gmail.com

Sd/-Deputy Director (Admn.) and District Project Co-ordinator, S. S.A. D.P.I. Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/dom/No.109/mca/22-23/716

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Public Works, Department, Sirasi Division(U.K), Karnataka Ph: 08384-223164, Fax: 08384-224100
No. PWD/SR./Dn/AE/IFT/ 5054 SH/MDR/ 2022-23/ 1059 Date: 01.08.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (SHORT TERM)(2nd Call) KW-3
e-Tender Notification

(1) The **Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sirasi** invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the Table. **The price tender which will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered works. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. (26.03.2021)** (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam under login for Contractors: (3) Tenders must be accompanied by EMD Declaration form Proforma attached (4) Tenders must be electronically submitted (on-line through internet) with in the date and time published in e-procurement portal. The technical bid will be opened after prescribed time and date in the eprocurement portal, in the presence of the Tenderers who wish to attend at the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Department, SIRSI Division. (5) Other details can be seen in the tender documents.
(Total 11 Works)
(1) Last date and time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **17-08-2022 up to 16.00.00** (2) Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders: **18-08-2022 up to 16.00.00** (3) Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid: **19-08-2022 @ 16.30.00** (4) Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid: **22-08-2022 @16.00.00**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Public Work Department Division
Sirsi (Uttara Kannada)

DIPR/AOK/MCA/286/22-23 dt:05.08.2022

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura .Ph:08187-222206

Short Term Tender Notification: 11/2022-23 Dated: 04.08.2022
(Single Cover Document & Only in e-procurement)

On behalf of Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Dandavati Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura invites tenders in Single Cover Document system through e-procurement portal from the contractors registered in KPWD Class III and above.

For the works of development of roads in the limits of Soraba Taluk, the amount put to tender is Rs 49.91 lakhs and EMD amount is Rs 0.50 lakhs.

1) The date for participating in the tender : **from 05.08.2022 to 16.08.2022 upto 4.30 P M.** 2) The last date for tender clarifications: **12.08.2022 upto 5.00 P M.** 3) Date of opening of financial bid : **17.08.2022 at 5.00 P M.**

More details can be had from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or at the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, Dandavati Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura.

DIPR/SMG/No.33-08 zenkar/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer-Traffic Engineering Cell Division, Ground Floor, #09, Annexe-3 building, BBMP Head office, N.R Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No: EE/TEC/TEND/01/2022-23 Date: 06.08.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Two Cover Tender)
(Short Term Tender) (Call 4)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer - Traffic Engineering Cell Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Cost of Work (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Construction of PEB Shelter for Mineral Aggregates at BBMP Asphalt Batch Mix Plant at Kannur **(Call-4)**	80.00	1.60 lakh
	Duration: 4 Months		

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from: **06.08.2022. (2)** Tenders Must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4.00 p.m.** on **17.08.2022** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(3)** Bids will be opened on the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Traffic Engineering Cell Division on **18.08.2022** at **4.30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Traffic Engineering Cell Division, BBMP

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the right, title, interest, benefits, entitlements of whatsoever nature of the respective owners of the Survey Numbers, as mentioned hereinbelow, all are situated at, Soluru Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, which is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter called **"Schedule Property".**

ALL persons including an individual anybody under law, having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of said Property or any part or portion thereof are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned having their office at No.115/58, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, 6th Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018 within a period of **14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Survey No. 202,** measuring **04 Acres 12 Guntas,** situated at Soluru Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, and bounded as follows:
East by: Sy No. 210
West by: Sy No. 196
North by: Sy No. 201and Vishwanathapura Boundary;
South by: Sy No. 195 and Sy. No.210

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Survey No. 203,** measuring **02 Acres 17 Guntas,** situated at Soluru Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, and bounded as follows:
East by : Sy. No.205
West by: Sy. No.202
North by : Vishwanathapura Village Boundary
South by: Sy. No.202 and Sy. No.204

Sd/-
Mr. Madhusudhana H.R, Advocate, No.115/58, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, 6th Cross, Chamrajpet, Bangalore-560018. Phone: +91 98451 92477 Bangalore. Dated: 06/08/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposes to purchase the property more particularly described in the schedule hereunder from its present owner Mr. M Krishnappa, aged about 60 years, son of Late Sri. Muninappa, residing at Chokkasandra Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. It is represented by the present owner that he has clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property.

Any person/persons who claims any right, title or interest of any nature or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and/or has any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within fifteen (15) days hereof, failing which it will presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my clients would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owner thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 01, formed on the converted lands bearing Sy No. 12 and 13, situated at Nalagadaranahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted vide order bearing No. ALN(N)CR.134/2011-12, dated 16/05/2012, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru. The Site is situated within the BBMP Jurisdiction ward No. 39, Chokkasandra, Bangalore, measuring East to West – 120 feet and North to South – 40 Feet, in all measuring about 4800 sq.feet and is bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Private, Property North by: Property belonging to Sri. Narsimhamurthy South by: Property belonging to Sri. M. Shankar

Sd/-Rangaswamy, Advocate
No. M-4, Pranava Complex, 5th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore 560 003.
Mob: 98808 12716
Place: Bangalore Dated: 06.08.2022

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ–577501

ಸಂ:ನಸ:ಇ:ಕಾಂ:ತೆ(1)/ಟೆಂಡರ್:ಕ.ಅ./ನಿಆರ್:09:2022–23, ದಿ: 05.08.2022

ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಟಿ.ಪ್ಯೂ–1 &2ರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಮೂಲ ಅನುದಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಎಸ್‌ಎಫ್‌ಸಿ, ಎಸ್.ಎ.ಎಸ್.ಎ ಮತ್ತು ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ರೂ. 107.46 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ 06 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ನಗರಸಭಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವಿಕ್ಸಿತ್–ಲಕೋಚೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಮುಚ್ಚಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **htt:/eproc.Karanataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವುದು, ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. **"ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಅಗತ್ಯಕ್ಕನುವಾದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡದೇ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಕಾಣುವಂತೆ ಅಪಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದು"** ಎಂದರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತವೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನಾಗಿ ಘೋಷಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ, ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರಿಸಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲ **www.chitradurgacity. mrc.gov.in** ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಪಾವತಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. (1) ಮಾರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಪೆಮೆಂಟ್–ಬಗ್ಗೆಯನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.08.2022 ರ 5.30 ಸಂಜೆ ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (2) ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ (ಆರ್‌ಕೆ) 19.08.2022ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ (4) ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ (ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ) E-procurement ವಿಧಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/435/2022-23

ಸಹಿ/–ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ

FROM PAGE ONE

Jagdeep Dhankhar is new Vice-President

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the Upper House would definitely benefit from his experience and close understanding of the ground issues. BJP president J.P. Nadda too congratulated the newly elected Vice-President.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi sent a congratulatory note to Mr. Dhankhar. Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, while congratulating Mr. Dhankhar, said Ms. Alva represented the spirit of the joint Opposition with grace and dignity. Senior Congress MP in Rajya Sabha Jairam Ramesh said it was too bad that the Trinamool Congress didn't support Ms. Alva. "India will have to wait for its first woman Vice-President," he said and hoped that Mr. Dhankhar will display the sagacity and objectivity of Bhairon Singh Shekhawat and the wit and humour of Venkaiah Naidu, the two BJP leaders who became Vice-Presidents.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said Ms. Alva clearly articulated and raised all issues which are roiling Indian democracy today.

"The legislature is under threat from an overbearing Executive. She led a spirited fight. The answers to questions she raised are yet to come," he said.

Embassy intact, India ups Kabul work

Another official credited the local caretakers for maintaining the premises. "Though the embassy was vacated by all Indian staff, the local Afghans deployed there ensured no damage was done to the premises or the inventory," the official said.More than 1.5 tonne of equipment that included baggage scanners and handheld metal detectors had to be left behind. Some of these items had been sent for safekeeping from India's other consulates in Herat, Jalalabad and Kandahar, all of which were shut down in 2020-21.

The team also found dozens of passports belonging to Afghan citizens who had applied for visas at the time, but were unable to access them once the embassy closed down.

A few weeks after reopening, the embassy team handed over about 120 passports to the Indian Embassy's passport and visa agent, Shahir Travels, to be returned to their owners.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Karim Dastagir, owner, Shahir Travels, said he was still hopeful that the embassy would reopen the visa issuance system, given that at present all the applications are being handled from New Delhi with clearances from the Ministry of External Affairs and the Home Ministry, and the intelligence agencies R&AW and the IB being consulted in each case.

In a reply to Parliament, the government said it had only issued about 200 emergency e-visas to Afghan citizens. "The most badly hit are Afghan students, including thousands of scholarship holders from the ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations), and patients like cancer survivors needing regular chemotherapy and radiation treatment," Mr. Dastagir said.

"It would be better if they issue visas in Kabul so as to verify the applicants on the ground, rather than over email," he added.

While the Taliban regime, including Acting Interior Minister Sirajuddin Haqqani, has assured security for the embassy, officials said the threat to the mission, which has been attacked in the past, remains a major concern.

Centre sounds caution as COVID-19 cases rise

"It's critical for the States to ensure adequate testing in all the districts while maintaining the recommended share of RT-PCR and antigen tests. The States must also closely monitor districts reporting higher cases, positivity rates and clusters to prevent further spread of infection and effective case management," it added.

The Centre said that the challenges that should be addressed had been highlighted multiple times but the consistent increase in cases indicated the need for heightened action at the State level to contain the spread.

The States have also been requested to ensure effective compliance of these guidelines and their regular monitoring. Genome sequencing of prescribed samples of international passengers as well as collection of samples from sentinel sites (identified health facilities) and local cluster of new COVID-19 cases was equally important, said the Ministry.

The Ministry, in its communication, added that such samples must be sent promptly by the State/Union Territory to the designated lab of INSACOG network for genome sequencing. "Renewed attention should be paid to ensuring COVID-appropriate behaviour in crowded places such as markets, inter-State bus stands, schools, colleges, railway stations, etc."

There was a need to promote COVID-appropriate behaviour through sensitisation and public campaigns, with the active participation of local community leaders and other influencers.

Sri Lanka relents, asks China to defer ship visit

India had raised objection last week

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka has asked China to indefinitely delay a visit by a ship, following objections from India, official sources said on Saturday.

The *Yuan Wang 5* is en route from Jiangyin and due to arrive at the Chinese-run Sri Lankan port of Hambantota on August 11, according to analytics website *MarineTraffic*. The Ministry of External Affairs last week said it would closely monitor "any bearing on India's security and economic interests and take all necessary steps to safeguard them". In a written request, the Sri Lanka Foreign Ministry told the Chinese Embassy in Colombo not to go ahead with the visit. "The Ministry wishes to request that the arrival date of *Yuan Wang 5* in Hambantota be deferred until further consultations," it said.

Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe assured political party leaders on Friday that the controversial visit will not go ahead.

Foreign firms achieve only 82% target in defence deal offsets

In 15 years, India got only $5.61 billion from the estimated offset of $6.83 billion

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The total offset commitment by foreign defence companies to be fulfilled in India for various defence deals during the past 15 years was $6.83 billion till August 1, of which they fulfilled 82.13% or about $5.61 billion, the Defence Ministry has informed Parliament. Expressing concern over the shortfall, Kunwar Danish Ali, MP, said this "huge money could revive MSME sector and create a lot of jobs".

"Total 15 companies have missed the first deadline set for implementation of their defence offset commitment. Further details, being strategic and sensitive in nature, cannot be disclosed," Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha on Friday. "For unfulfilled offset obligations, penalty as applicable has been imposed on the defaulting vendors as per the governing Defence Offset Guidelines."

Flying high: A Rafale jet taking off during the inauguration of Aero India 2021 in Bengaluru in February 2021. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Further, in genuine cases, re-phasing of offset obligations has been allowed to enable vendors to discharge the pending offset obligations, Mr. Bhatt stated detailing the steps taken by the Defence Ministry to prevent default or delay in implementation of offset commitments by vendors.

Defence offset policy was promulgated under the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP), 2005 with the objective that it would bring in high-end technology into the country and build the domestic defence industry.

"It's so unfortunate that the government is not seriously implementing defence offset agreements with various foreign companies worth $6.83 billion. This huge money could revive MSME sector and create a lot of jobs," Mr. Ali said on Twitter on Saturday.

As per DPP 2006, offset value has been fixed at 30% of defence deals above ₹300 crore, which was revised to ₹2,000 crore in DPP 2016 for full import deals.

In Defence Acquisition Procedure, 2020, the government removed the requirement of offset clause in Inter Governmental Agreements such as the Rafale deal. The offset guidelines have been revised in DPP, 2020 wherein preference will be given to manufacture of complete defence products. Auditing the deals till March 2018, the Comptroller and Auditor General in its report tabled in the Parliament in September 2020 had stated that 46 offset contracts were signed for ₹66,427 crore and till December 2018, ₹19,223 crore worth of offsets should have been discharged.

Navy to hoist flag on 6 continents

To celebrate 75th year of freedom, Navy is visiting foreign ports across 3 oceans

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

As part of the *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence, the Navy is undertaking commemorative visits to foreign ports spread across six continents, three oceans and six different time zones.

"Various activities and events are being planned at each of these ports by Indian Missions on August 15 during the visit. The most significant amongst these would be the hoisting of our tricolour onboard these ships in the presence of Indian diaspora and distinguished local dignitaries," the Indian Navy said in a press statement on Saturday.

The activities being planned include official calls by the naval crew on senior leadership of the host country, participation by the naval contingent at the flag hoisting ceremony in the respective embassies, band performance at a prominent public place or auditorium, opening the ship to visitors, visit by schoolchildren and Indian diaspora, deck reception and various cultural events as organised by the Indian Embassies, the statement said.

The deployments include *INS Chennai* and *INS Betwa* to Muscat, Oman and *INS Sarayu* to Singapore (Asia); *INS Trikand* to Mombasa, Kenya (Africa); *INS Sumedha* to Perth (Australia); *INS Satpura* to San Diego, U.S. (North America); *INS Tarkash* to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (South America) and *INS Tarangini* to London, U.K. (Europe).

Homage to soldiers

At London, the crew of *INS Tarangini* would be paying homage to the Indian soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice during the two World Wars, at the Commonwealth Memorial gates.

Similarly, a ceremonial wreath laying by the Naval delegation is scheduled at Kranji War Memorial and the INA Marker at Singapore, the Navy said.

At Mombassa, Kenya, Navy crew will participate in the inauguration of a commemorative pillar in the battlefield area of the Taita Taveta region where Indian soldiers fought serving under the East Africa campaign of First World War.

Commemorative events

"The commemorative events will also include battlefield tours, a mobile exhibition and a Light and Sound show at Fort Jesus highlighting the contribution of the Indian soldiers in the First World War as well as India's struggle for independence," the Indian Navy added.

CISF man kills colleague in Kolkata

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

In an incident of alleged fratricide, a Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) head constable on Saturday opened fire on his colleagues, killing one inside the premises of Kolkata's Indian Museum.

Another CISF person sustained bullet injuries and is undergoing treatment at a State-run hospital. The incident occurred around 6.30 p.m. The accused has been identified as Akshay Kumar Mishra.

The Kolkata Police mobilised a huge force inside the complex after the incident. The team included members of the combat force. Tension prevailed in the area for 90 minutes.

Day of prayers

In remembrance: Shia Muslims waving flags during a procession on the seventh day of Muharram in the Old City of Srinagar on Saturday. Muharram is the first month of the Islamic New Year. • NISSAR AHMAD

China's military exercises simulating attack: Taiwan

Island nation deploys vessels, activates missile systems

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

China on Saturday continued its military exercises in six regions surrounding Taiwan for a third day, with the Chinese military saying it was testing its land strike and sea assault capabilities.

Taiwan said the drills were a "possible simulated attack" on the island. "Multiple PLA craft were detected around Taiwan Strait, some have crossed the median line," the Ministry of National Defence said, adding that it had deployed naval vessels and activated land-based missile systems in response. On Friday, a record 68 Chinese aircraft and 13 warships had crossed the median of the Taiwan Strait.

A Chinese soldier monitoring Taiwan's frigate *Lan Yang* during the military exercises on Friday. • AP

China's drills, which will continue until Sunday, came as a response to U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan on Wednesday. The drills, Chinese anlaysts have said, could herald a new normal in China's deployments around Taiwan. Taking place in six regions surrounding the island, the exercises have placed an effective blockade on Taiwan's waters and airspace, and also for the first time entered 12 nautical miles of the coast, into what Taiwan sees as its waters. China has also fired conventional missiles over the island.

Amid the tensions, Taiwan media reported on Saturday a top military official overseeing missile production died from a heart attack. Ouyang Li-hsing, 57, deputy to the president of the National Chung-Shan Institute of Science and Technology, was in charge of supervising the manufacturing of missiles.

AI solution for real-time inputs for the Army

The force is collaborating with DRDO

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

To take advantage of the developments in Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Army has in the past several years developed in-house algorithms to analyse in real-time inputs coming from various sensors in the field, according to sources in the security establishment. Over 145 such assets based on these solutions have been deployed so far.

"The Army has deployed several units of AI-powered smart surveillance systems in the northern and western borders. The system is capable of handling heterogeneous inputs from devices such as pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) cameras and handheld thermal imagers," a source said.

"AI-based real-time monitoring software has been deployed for generating intelligence in counter-terrorist operations."

Along similar lines, an AI-based suspicious vehicle recognition system has been deployed at eight locations in the Northern and Southern theatre, officials said.

The data come to an analytical platform and formation commanders can derive solutions based on the situation, the source explained. The Army has been closely collaborating with academia and the Indian Industry, as also the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for the realisation of complex AI-based projects, the officials elaborated.

Manipur House gives nod to NRC

It will also set up population panel

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Bowing to demands from tribal groups, the Manipur Assembly has resolved to implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and establish a State Population Commission (SPC).

At least 19 apex tribal organisations and their affiliates had on July 12 written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, demanding NRC and other mechanism to insulate the indigenous people from the "ever-increasing number of non-local residents". The resolutions on the establishment of the NRC and the SPC were raised by Janata Dal(U) MLA Khumukcham Joykishan on Friday, the last day of the budget session of the 60-member House.

Mr. Joykishan said the country's population growth rate was 87.67% between 1971 and 2001 and 120% between 2001 and 2011. The corresponding population growth rates of the hill districts of Manipur were 153.3% and 250.9%, while the valley (Imphal and Jiribam) districts saw a growth rate of 94.8% and 125.4% during these periods, he pointed out.

The hills are primarily inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes while the valley districts, comprising one-tenth of Manipur's geographical area, is dominated by the non-tribal Meitei people.

"The abnormal population growth rates of the hill districts point to a strong possibility of a huge influx of non-Indians. The situation is such that smaller indigenous communities may face extinction, necessitating a study and action," Mr. Joykishan said.

A sizeable section of the hill dwellers belonging to the Kuki-Chin group is believed to have settled down in Manipur from adjoining Myanmar. The inflow has reportedly increased after the military coup in Myanmar in February 2021. "It is urgently required to monitor and check the dramatic rise of non-local population through an SPC, which is also warranted by the National Population Policy," he said, insisting that the introduction of NRC could go a long way in overcoming the situation.

Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh said there was no harm in approving the resolution moved by Mr. Joykishan. Subsequently, the House passed the resolution unanimously.

To date, Assam is the only northeastern State to have implemented the NRC. The exercise has been in limbo since the complete draft was published in August 2019, leaving out 19.06 lakh out of 3.3 crore applicants.

In June, the Manipur government approved 1961 as the base year for identifying 'natives' and effectively implementing the inner-line permit (ILP), a temporary travel document residents of other Indian States need to posses to enter the State.

The Centre had extended the Bengal Easter Frontier Regulation of 1873 to Manipur, thereby making it the fourth State in the Northeast to be brought under the ILP.

But the pro-NRC tribal organisations said the ILP was not enough as Manipur could not come up with the definition of "indigenous inhabitants".

The NRC would be the way forward, they said.

Flagging the "intrusion of immigrants" from Bangladesh (East Pakistan formerly), Myanmar and Nepal, the organisations recalled a pass or permit system for Manipur that was abolished by the then Chief Commissioner Himmat Singh in November 1950.

BSP MP Atul Rai acquitted in rape case

MAYANK KUMAR
LUCKNOW

A special court for MPs/MLAs in Varanasi on Saturday acquitted Atul Rai, MP, in a three-year-old rape case.

Mr. Rai, the Lok Sabha member from the Ghosi constituency in Uttar Pradesh, belongs to the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP).

He will remain at the Naini Central Jail in Allahabad as other cases are pending against him.

The rape case had been registered on the basis of a complaint filed by a former student at the Lanka police station in Varanasi on May 1, 2019. Mr. Rai absconded after the case was registered and surrendered after winning the Lok Sabha election. He has been jailed since June 2019. Mr. Rai was granted special parole in January 2020 to take oath as an MP.

The complainant later committed suicide before the Supreme Court, alleging harassment.

In November 2020, Mr. Rai's brother filed a police complaint accusing the woman of committing forgery.

Alleging threats and torture by police officials and close aides of the parliamentarian, the woman travelled to New Delhi and set fire to herself and a friend outside the Supreme Court in New Delhi on August 16, 2021.

Both succumbed to burn injuries despite treatment. They had broadcast the self-immolation in a Facebook live video.

Assistance for overcoming suicidal thoughts is available at Sanjivini, Society for Mental Health; telephone: 011-40769002, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-7.30 p.m.

Dhankhar steps into a polarised House

The V-P elect will have to bank on all his legal and legislative acumen to bring order to the Rajya Sabha

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament was largely devoted to the election of the President and the Vice-President, but it also saw the suspension of a record number of MPs over protests and waving of placards. This signalled a vastly deteriorated relationship between the Treasury and Opposition benches, and as the newly elected presiding officer of the Rajya Sabha, the handling of this relationship will be the biggest challenge facing Vice-President-elect Jagdeep Dhankhar.

The choice of Mr. Dhankhar as the Vice-Presidential candidate of the National Democratic Alliance was said to be made on the basis of his political career, his education, and work as a lawyer, and the fact that he was born and raised in an agrarian family in rural Rajasthan.

The new and the old: Vice-President-elect Jagdeep Dhankhar (front) with outgoing Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu. • PTI

It is perhaps Prime Minister Narendra Modi's congratulatory message to Mr. Dhankhar, laying stress on him being "well versed in legislative affairs", which gives the biggest clue on why the choice devolved on him.

Mr. Dhankhar was born on May 18, 1951 in Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan. After studying in a village school, he won a scholarship to the Sainik School in Chittorgarh, and later got degrees in both physics and law from Rajasthan University. He practised law before foraying into a political career.

Mentored by Devi Lal

Belonging to the Jat community, Mr. Dhankhar is said to have been mentored by former Deputy Prime Minister in the V.P. Singh government, Chaudhary Devi Lal.

He won the 1989 Lok Sabha election from Jhunjhunu, and when Devi Lal walked out of the V.P. Singh government in 1990, Mr. Dhankhar followed him, to be appointed Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs in the Chandra Shekhar government.

After the fall of the Chandra Shekhar government, Mr. Dhankhar joined the Congress and won the Assembly election from Rajasthan, remaining an MLA between 1993 and 1998. From 1998 to 2008, when he joined the BJP, he concentrated on his legal career, weighing in his political options.

Mr. Dhankhar burst onto the national consciousness when he was appointed West Bengal Governor in 2019. He held strong opinions and was frequently at loggerheads with the Mamata Banerjee government.

His shift to Delhi as the Vice-President owes much to his legal acumen and knowledge of constitutional positions as well. As the Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha, where the Treasury and Opposition benches are frequently at loggerheads, he will need all these skills.

R.C.P. Singh quits JD(U) over graft charges raised by party

'He bought 58 plots in the name of kin from 2013 to 2022'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

Former Union Steel Minister R.C.P. Singh on Saturday resigned from the Janata Dal (U) after the party sought an explanation from him over the allegation that he amassed "huge property" in the name of his family members between 2013 and 2022.

In a letter to Mr. Singh on August 4, State party president Umesh Singh Kushwaha asked him to "respond point-wise" to the charges that he purchased as many as 58 plots in the name of his wife and two daughters.

"JD(U) is a sinking ship. Nitish Kumar will never become Prime Minister," Mr. Singh told presspersons after resigning from the party from his ancestral home in Nalanda district.

"I have all the documents of the plots purchased and all these are mentioned in the income tax returns filed by my daughters and wife. There is nothing wrong and there was no corruption at all. Let it be probed by any agency," Mr. Singh said. "The way they (some party leaders) have stooped so low to target me is shocking but I have accepted the challenge."

Fraught relations: Sources say R.C.P. Singh (right) is not on good terms with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar (left). • FILE PHOTO

Mr. Singh had recently stepped down as the Union Minister of Steel after the party denied him another term in the Rajya Sabha.

Party sources told *The Hindu* that Mr. Singh is currently not in good terms with either Chief Minister Nitish Kumar or party president Rajiv Ranjan Singh, alias Lalan Singh.

Mr. Singh, a former IAS officer, was once considered close to the Chief Minister, as they both hailed from the same district, Nalanda. He had served in different capacities in the past 25 years. He had taken voluntary retirement from service to join politics in 2010.

The party has accused Mr. Singh of purchasing 58 plots, most of them in Nalanda district, in the name of his wife and two daughters between 2013 and 2022.

The letter also said that Mr. Singh had not disclosed the details of the properties acquired by him in the affidavits submitted to the returning officer during the Rajya Sabha election.

Plaint by partymen

On July 26, two block-level leaders of the JD(U) in Nalanda district, Suresh Prasad and Sanjay Kumar Patel, had submitted their charges of corruption against Mr. Singh to the party's national and State presidents.

However, JD(U) leaders, requesting anonymity, told *The Hindu* that the corruption charges against Mr. Singh was due to a "fallout between present party chief Lalan Singh and him".

SKM, ex-servicemen, youth join hands against Agnipath

'Restore time-tested recruitment scheme for armed forces'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), the umbrella organisation of about 300 farmers' associations, announced here on Saturday that it would launch joint agitations with several youth organisations and the United Front of Ex-Servicemen against the Agnipath scheme. At a joint press conference here, the farmers' leaders and defence veterans said '*Jai Jawan Jai Kisan Sammelans* (meetings)' would be held at various centres in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Bihar and Punjab between August 7 and 14.

Common cause: (from left) Hannan Mollah, Rakesh Tikait and Yogendra Yadav at a press meet in New Delhi on Saturday. • PTI

The leaders said the Agnipath scheme should be rolled back instantly and all the notifications issued under it must be withdrawn. "The time-tested method of regular, permanent recruitment must continue," said a joint statement issued by the SKM, the United Front of Ex-Servicemen and several youth organisations. Major General Satbir Singh (retd.), Group Captain V.K. Gandhi (retd.), Hanan Mollah, Rakesh Tikait, Yogendra Yadav, Aishee Ghosh and Manish addressed the press conference.

They said the pending vacancies (about 1.25 lakh) and the current year vacancies (about 60,000) should be filled immediately following the pre-existing method. "All cases against anti-Agnipath protesters must be withdrawn and the arrested youth must be released forthwith," they demanded.

The farmers' leaders said the process was a serious setback to the farming families who had contributed to the nation by sending their youth to the armed forces.

Through the campaign, the organisations will try to create awareness of the consequences of the Agnipath scheme. "If the farm laws were dire, the Agnipath scheme is disastrous. With our kisans and jawans in distress, the very backbone of our nation is in the danger. We have stopped them once, we can stop them again," the statement said.

Alva flays parties that backed BJP

She thanks all who supported her

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Opposition parties that directly or indirectly supported the BJP to derail the idea of a united Opposition have damaged their own credibility, former Rajasthan Governor and Opposition's joint candidate in the Vice-Presidential (V-P) election, Margaret Alva, said on Saturday.

In a series of tweets after the elections were declared, Ms. Alva congratulated her rival and VP-elect, Jagdeep Dhankhar and thanked all the parties that supported her. "This election was an opportunity for the opposition to work together, to leave the past behind & build trust amongst each other. Unfortunately, some opposition parties chose to directly or indirectly support the BJP, in an attempt to derail the idea of a united opposition. It is my belief that by doing so, these parties and their leaders have damaged their own credibility," Ms. Alva said.

Though Ms. Alva did not name any Opposition party or its leader, it was clear that the reference was about West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who sprang a surprise by announcing that the Trinamool Congress would be abstaining from voting.

Margaret Alva

The Trinamool's move to abstain was not just a setback but also took away 36 votes (23 Lok Sabha and 13 Rajya Sabha members).

Undeterred by the results, Ms. Alva said, "This election is over. The battle for protecting our Constitution, strengthening our democracy & restoring the dignity of Parliament, will continue. Jai Hind".

Nitish set to give Modi the slip for the third time in a month

Bihar CM may skip a NITI Aayog meeting chaired by PM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar may soon skip another event attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. If Bihar government officials are to be believed, the Chief Minister has decided to skip a meeting of NITI Aayog, set to be chaired by the Prime Minister in New Delhi on Sunday.

This would be the third time in a month when Mr. Kumar will be skipping an event attended by Mr. Modi, though Union Home Minister Amit Shah, during his recent visit to Bihar, had asserted that the BJP would contest the Lok Sabha election in 2024 and the Assembly election in 2025 along with alliance partner JD(U) in Bihar.

Bid to send Deputy

Mr. Kumar, who recently recovered from COVID-19, wanted to send his deputy in the Cabinet to attend the NITI Aayog meeting, but was informed that the event was for Chief Ministers only.

Earlier this month, Mr. Kumar stayed away not only from the dinner hosted for outgoing President Ram Nath Kovind by Mr. Modi but also from the swearing-in ceremony of President Droupadi Murmu.

Mr. Kumar skipping such events has further fuelled speculation of a growing rift between the two ruling alliance partners in Bihar.

JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh, alias Lalan Singh, said the party was making poll preparation on its own and right now, it was not clear whether the party would contest the next Assembly election in alliance with the BJP.

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4) **SA-E-4-2022-23-W4 Dt 29-08-2022** Name of the work:- SA Division - Provision of redundancy by using high availability single section digital axle counter (55 section)"- 33 Nos - Provision of Huts - Electrical arrangements.	Approx. cost: ₹ 51,63,884/- EMD: ₹ 1,03,300/- Completion Period: 6 Months
5) **SA-E-4-2022-23-W5 Dt 29-08-2022** Salem Div-Creation of IOH Facilities with Two Pit Lines of One Coach Length at Erode Sick Line	Approx. cost: ₹ 7,40,971/- EMD: ₹ 14,800/- Completion Period: 6 Months
For all the works Closing Time & Date	**15.00 hrs. on 29.08.2022**
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Tender closing and opening date and time **19-Aug-2022 at 14:30 Hrs**

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Sl. No.	Description of Stores	Quantity	Due date
1	Supply & Installation of 57 nos of Composting Bins (One liter pancha gavya/equitant maker to be supplied with each composting bin) as per the technical specification given in the Annexure 1. The material is to be supplied to the locations mentioned as special conditions in the Annexure 1	57 set	19-Aug-2022

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मुख्यमंत्री अनुप्रति कोचिंग योजनान्तर्गत विभिन्न प्रोफेशनल कोर्स एवं नौकरियों के लिए आयोजित होने वाली प्रतियोगी परीक्षाओं की तैयारी उत्कृष्ट ढंग से कराने एवं समान अवसर प्रदान करने के लिए विभाग द्वारा ऑनलाईन पोर्टल पर सूचीबद्ध कोचिंग संस्थानों में कोचिंग कराने हेतु इच्छुक अभ्यर्थियों से वर्ष 2022-23 के लिए ऑनलाईन आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाने की दिनांक 31.07.2022 निर्धारित की गई थी। जिसे अब बढ़ाकर 15 अगस्त 2022 निर्धारित किया जाता है। योजनान्तर्गत पात्र अभ्यर्थी कोचिंग किये जाने हेतु अपने आवेदन sso portal (https://sso.rajasthan.gov.in) द्वारा SJMS SMS APP. पर दिनांक 15.08.2022 तक ऑनलाईन किये जा सकते है।

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)-129

नगर परिषद पाली की ओर से राजस्थान सरकार के विभिन्न विभागों में पंजीकृत संवेदकों से **Upgradation of 7.5 MLD STP Situated at Mandiay Road, Pali** कार्य हेतु Request for Proposal (RFP) आमंत्रित की जाती है। संवेदक दिनांक 26.07.2022 से दिनांक 26.08.2022 तक अपने आवेदन जमा करा सकते हैं जिन्हें दिनांक 29.08.2022 को खोला जायेगा। उक्त RFP हेतु Pre Bid Meeting का आयोजन दिनांक 19.08.2022 को अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता कार्यालय में रखा गया है। इच्छुक संवेदक RFP से संबंधित अन्य विवरण वेबसाइट **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** तथा अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। उक्त RFP के यूनीएन संख्या **DLB2223RFP0025** व टेण्डर आईडी **2022_DLB_288070_1** है।

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE, MAHI PROJECT, BANSWARA

No.-SE/Acctt/Mahi/2022/1764 Dated:- 01.08.2022

E-NIT No. 01/2022-23

Bids for the works mentioned below are invited from interested bidders upto 06.00 PM, dated 22.08.2022

S. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Bid Value (Lacs)
1	Rehabilitation and renovation of Bhagora tank and its canal system, tehsil Garhi, Distt. Banswara.	428.99
2	Rehabilitation and renovation of Phootan tank and its canal system, tehsil Garhi, Distt. Banswara.	415.79

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the Procurement portal **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd**

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Indian Virtual Herbarium, biggest database of country's flora, is a global hit

The portal, with nearly one lakh images of specimens, recorded two lakh hits from 55 countries since its July 1 launch; site to host all of India's herbaria by 2024

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

With details of about one lakh plant specimens, the Indian Virtual Herbarium, the biggest virtual database of flora in the country, is generating a lot of interest and turning out to be an eye-catching endeavour. While herbarium specimens are considered important tools for plant taxonomy, conservation, habitat loss and even climate change, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently described the Indian Virtual Herbarium as an example of how digital tools can help us connect to our roots.

In the *Mann Ki Baat* episode on July 31, Mr. Modi spoke about the novel initiative, and said that the herbarium was an interesting collection of plants and preserved parts of plants. "The virtual herbarium also presents a rich botanical diversity of the country. I am convinced that the Indian Virtual Herbarium will turn out to be an important resource for research on plants in the country," he said.

Developed by scientists of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI), the herbarium was inaugurated by Union Minister of Environment Forest and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav in Kolkata on July 1. Since then, the portal ivh.bsi.gov.in has had nearly two lakh hits from 55 countries.

Flora files: Plant specimens on display at the Indian Virtual Herbarium. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Each record in the digital herbarium includes an image of the preserved plant specimen, scientific name, collection locality, and collection date, collector name, and barcode number. The digital herbarium includes features to extract the data State-wise, and users can search plants of their own States, which will help them identify regional plants and in building regional checklists.

The portal includes about one lakh images of herbarium specimens. BSI Director A.A. Mao said that by 2022-end, the number of digitised species will increase to two lakh.

"By 2024, we plan to provide a platform to all the herbaria in the country so that they can display their herbarium collection on the platform," Dr. Mao said.

Scientists say that there are approximately three million plant specimens in the country which are with different herbaria located at zonal centres of the BSI and at the Central National Herbarium at Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden at Howrah in West Bengal.

SPECIAL

"Work on the digitisation of the specimens started in 2019, and most of the digitisation has been done by the BSI. About 52% of our type specimens are from foreign nations and collected from 82 countries of the world during the British-era," Kumar Avinash Bharati, scientist, BSI said.

The Indian Virtual Herbarium is also deeply linked with the botanical history of the country. The portal provides most valuable historical collections of botanists like William Roxburgh, Nathaniel Wallich and Joseph Dalton Hooker, considered the founding fathers of botany in India.

The digital herbarium has some of the oldest botanical specimens dating as early as 1696. *Cyperus procerus* was collected between June 15 and 20, 1696, near Chennai. The oldest type specimen *Lepidagathis scariosa* was collected in 1817 by Robert Wight. Type specimens are those collections that help in new discoveries and are considered of great significance by botanists and taxonomists. Researchers need to examine the types of the names in order to confirm their identities. As a priority, the Indian Virtual Herbarium has digitised information with images of 29,615 type specimens on its platform.

53 CUET centres delisted over glitches

NTA warns centres of strict action against 'sabotage'; cancelled test to be held from August 12 to 14

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Saturday delisted 53 centres from conducting the Common University Entrance Test for Undergraduate (CUET-UG) admissions after technical glitches resulted in its rescheduling at several centres over the past two days. The centres were warned of strict action in case of "sabotage".

The large number of complaints from students and parents forced Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to hold a review meeting, along with officials of his Ministry, the University Grants Commission (UGC), the All India Council for Technical Education and the NTA.

"We have cancelled exams at 53 centres. For the remaining schedule of the CUET-UG, no exam will be held at these centres because of the technical problems seen in the past two days," Vineet Joshi, Director-General, NTA, told *The Hindu*.

Test tensions: Students gather outside an exam centre in Noida after NTA cancelled second shift of the CUET-UG. •PTI

"It was found that some of the centres failed to comply with the laid-down protocols. Any incidence of non-compliance/sabotage/ignorance will be viewed very seriously and strict action will be taken against those centres to ensure smooth conduct of examinations in future," the NTA said in a press statement.

Late on Friday evening, the NTA issued a public notice saying the exam to be held at these 53 centres on Saturday will now be held between August 12 and 14.

Of the 53 centres, 32 are in Delhi, four each in Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh, two each in Haryana, Chhattisgarh and Mizoram, and one each in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Ladakh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Odisha and Tamil Nadu.

"We are working on a comprehensive plan for exams that have been rescheduled. We will intimate the exact schedule in a few days," he said. The NTA is yet to announce when the result will be declared, but Mr. Joshi said that there would be no delay.

The NTA is conducting CUET-UG 2022 from July 15 to August 20 in two phases at 489 centres in 259 cities in India and nine abroad. The exam is being held in morning and afternoon shifts. Approximately 14.9 lakh students have registered for the exam.

One for all

Though the NTA has blamed the centres, on the first day of the second phase on August 4, it cancelled the test across all centres for the afternoon shift after a two-hour delay in uploading the question paper. The morning shift test at 28 centres was rescheduled to between August 12 and 14. The following day, the test at 20 centres in the morning shift and at 30 centres in the afternoon shift was postponed following complaints from students and their parents.

The first phase of CUET-UG was marred by technical issues; so was the UGC National Eligibility Test held last month, conducted by the NTA.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi hit out at the government on Twitter, saying the "new education policy of *amrit kaal*" was to have "*parikshaa pe charcha*" (Prime Minister Narendra Modi's interaction with students) before exams, "no question paper, no discussion" at the time of exams and "after the exam a future in darkness". He said, "today what is happening with students of CUET is the story of every youth in the country."

BJP leader seeks 50% quota for Pasmandas in varsities

Demand made at Pasmanda Muslim conference held in Delhi

ZIYA US SALAM
NEW DELHI

The Pasmanda issue threatens to snowball into the Muslim community's Mandal moment. In a demand likely to have far-reaching implications, the BJP OBC Morcha national president, K. Laxman, on Saturday demanded a 50% reservation for the Pasmanda community in Muslim institutions such as Aligarh Muslim University, Jamia Millia Islamia and Jamia Hamdard. The move has riled a section of the community, with many regarding it to be a ruse to divide the community on caste lines.

K. Laxman

Speaking at the Pasmanda Muslim Sneh Milan Evam Samman Samaroh in New Delhi, Mr. Laxman said, "I draw your attention to the centuries-old injustice and exploitation of the Pasmanda Muslims within the community. The Pasmandas are socially, economically and politically weak. Their condition has not improved even after 75 years of Independence. The issue of Pasmandas has been drowned under the noise of Hindu-Muslim drums. The Pasmanda Muslims should have the benefit of 50% reservation in AMU, JMI and JH. Today."

Earlier, the former Chairman of the National Minorities Commission, Atif Rasheed, who is the chief of the BJP Minority Morcha, had written to the Vice-Chancellors of AMU, JMI and JH, requesting reservation for Pasmanda Muslims in the universities.

In a letter dated June 15, Mr. Rasheed had written about "quota within a quota". "We wrote to the three V-Cs of the minority institutions asking them to reserve 50% within the Muslim quota for Pasmanda Muslims. It should not upset anybody or change equations within the universities as we are only asking for a quota within the quota already in practice."

The universities are yet to respond to the proposal. Hence, Mr. Laxman raised it at the Delhi meet.

The demand for reservation is not limited to the two central universities and a deemed university. Mr. Rasheed had written to various Union Ministers and MPs drawing attention to the plight of the socially and economically beleaguered community. "We wrote to every Minister of the Central government and also to around 250 MPs. The OBC Morcha chief K. Laxman responded and supported us. He has raised the question in Parliament."

They have written to 5,200 Muslim educational institutes with minority status across the country to provide 50% reservation for Pasmanda Muslims.

Caste system

Mr. Rasheed pooh-poohs the claim that the move is meant to divide the Muslim community. "The Pasmandas are around 80% of the Muslim population. But we see, like among upper caste Hindus, most of the jobs and college seats are cornered by 15% Ashraf or upper caste Muslims, intentionally or unintentionally." The Ashrafs, incidentally, are Syeds, Sheikhs and Pathans and so on, while the Ajlafs are Saifi (carpenters), Ansari (weavers) Ghosi (shepherds), Salmani (barber) and such. The Ajlafs, roughly equivalent of Dalits, are at the bottom of the pile. "We know there is no caste system in Islam and everybody is regarded as equal. But nobody can deny there is caste differentiation among Indian Muslims, possibly because many are converts," Mr. Rasheed says. "Whenever a Pasmanda talks of his rights, the same question of division of the community is put up in front of him. We are not dividing followers of Islam. Rather we want to get rid of the caste system that has seeped into the Muslim community in India."

The move has understandably been rejected by Muslim bodies. A Jamaat-e-Islami member says on condition of anonymity, "There is nothing called caste in Islam. The government cannot be serious about uplifting poor Muslims. A majority of lynching victims have been men from the supposedly Pasmanda community but nobody has been given justice. The demand for reservation for Pasmanda Muslims is to create a Mandal-like situation for the community."

Cattle fairs grind to a halt in Rajasthan

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

Cattle fairs were brought to a halt in Rajasthan to check the spread of lumpy skin disease among bovines. A dedicated care centre has been set up at Hingonia *gaushala* near Jaipur. The disease has so far killed over 9,130 cattle in the State; over 1.91 lakh animals have been infected.

Minister Parshottam Rupala reviewed the measures on Saturday.

Freedom festival to unite youth: PM

Festival of values will help instil a sense of duty in our future leaders, says Modi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday addressed the third national committee meeting on *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, which he called a "*Sanskar Utsav*" (festival of values) to inculcate a sense of duty and responsibility among the youth and drive them towards nation building.

In his address, the PM suggested building local tribal museums to celebrate the contribution of tribal freedom fighters. He also proposed a border village programme for the youth in order to familiarise them with with the lives of people in the remote corners of the country. He also said that constructing 75 *sarovar* (lakes) in every district will promote water an environment conservation.

The PM said that the "emotional flavour" of *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* is the core of the campaign. *Sanskar Utsav* will "fill the youth with undying passion to contribute for the country. The current generation will be the leaders of tomorrow and therefore we have to inculcate in them now a sense of duty and responsibility to realise the dreams and vision of India@100," he said.

"The patriotic fervour, which was witnessed during the freedom struggle was unprecedented. It is the same fervour, which we need to imbibe in our current generation and channelise it for nation building," Mr. Modi said. He added that the festival was a "golden opportunity" to establish an emotional connect of the youth with nation building.

Saturday's meeting was attended by various members of the national committee, including Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, several Governors, Union Ministers, Chief Ministers, political leaders, officials, media personalities, spiritual leaders, and artists.

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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Rajasthan's *nadis*, an insurance against a dry summer

These water-harvesting structures, now filled to the brim, have been the answer to the arid region's water woes

MOHAMMED IQBAL
JAIPUR

Even as the incessant rain and flash floods have wreaked havoc in Jodhpur city this monsoon, a less-known story is unfolding in the villages of western Rajasthan – traditional water-harvesting structures brimming with rainwater.

Called *nadis* or *talabs* (ponds) in these parts, these are shallow depressions across the rural landscape in the arid regions of Jodhpur and Barmer districts. The water collected in these tanks will quench the thirst of people, cattle and wild animals during the dry months. The *nadis* have been a part of rural life for ages.

The rural communities store rainwater in these structures with the application of traditional knowledge and locally available materials in view of the highly fluctuating and scanty rainfall in the State. The floods it is experiencing now are more an aberration, a result of the abnormally high volume of rain this year.

However, not all *nadis* are in good shape now. Several of them have fallen into disrepair, while others leak because of cracks in their embankment walls. Villagers who have made the effort to maintain them are now reaping the benefit. The structures can even be a solution to flash floods.

Ramrawas Kalan model

At Ramrawas Kalan, a village 49 km north-east of Jodhpur in Bhopalgarh tehsil, the two *nadis* undergo periodic maintenance. Both are starting to fill now. The two structures there – Deoli and Chan, the latter being the bigger one and located 10 km away – are in *orans* or sacred groves. The *orans* are associated with the local deities.

Monsoon bounty: Rainwater collected at the Deoli *nadi* in Jodhpur district. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Rohit Jindal, Associate Professor of quantitative methods in the Department of Decision Sciences of MacEwan University, Canada, collaborating with Jai Narain Vyas University in Jodhpur to carry out a field study on conservation practices in western Rajasthan, has identified many varieties of trees in these *orans* that slow the water run-off.

"Rather than causing flash floods, this slower run-off of rainwater has led to more percolation in the local *nadis* and ponds. The *orans* are mini-oases in an otherwise arid landscape," he told *The Hindu*.

Dr. Jindal, who teaches sustainability and environmental management, said there was no danger of breach of the water-holding impermeable layer of soil at Ramrawas Kalan. This is because the local Bishnoi community has worked hard, contributing labour and money, to ensure maintenance and functioning of *orans* and *nadis*.

The Bishnois follow the commandments for protecting the flora and fauna. The ponds will not only provide drinking water to the cattle and human beings but will also act as a refuge to the wild animals in the region.

Environmental balance

Dr. Jindal saw a herd of more than 10 male blackbuck and footprints of wild boars next to the Chan *nadi*. He said these local systems were vital to maintaining resilience against the onslaught of global warming and climate change. There might not be any flash floods if the Ramrawas Kalan model was followed, he added.

The Jodhpur-based environmentalist Swapni Shah described *orans* and *nadis* as "mixed water-pasture regimes" that need careful maintenance to protect their water-holding capacity and save rain water.

Dr. Jindal, whose areas of expertise include applied econometrics, ecosystem payments and international carbon markets, said even though *orans* and *nadis* were fast deteriorating, there were substantial areas where these resources had not been documented.

Western districts were suffering from increased incidence of heat waves and erratic rains potentially because of climate change, he said.

Dr. Jindal has recommended that village and panchayat-based systems managing the local natural resources should be strengthened without delay. "Well-functioning *Orans* and *nadis* will create micro-climates, which will help improve local resilience against the vagaries of global warming and climate change," he said.

Israel steps up airstrikes on Gaza Strip

Palestinian militants retaliate by firing rockets into southern Israel; toll from Friday's attack rises to 15

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GAZA CITY

Israeli airstrikes flattened homes in Gaza on Saturday and rocket barrages into southern Israel persisted, raising fears of an escalation in a conflict that has killed at least 15 people in the coastal strip.

The fighting began with Israel's killing of a senior commander of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad militant group in a wave of strikes on Friday that Israel said were meant to prevent an imminent attack. A 5-year-old girl and two women are among those killed in the strikes.

Flare-up: Children reacting during an Israeli airstrike in Gaza City on Saturday. • AFP

Hamas on the sidelines

So far, Hamas, the larger militant group that rules Gaza, appeared to stay on the sidelines of the conflict, keeping its intensity somewhat contained.

Israel and Hamas fought a war barely a year ago, one of four major conflicts and several smaller battles over the last 15 years that wreaked a staggering cost to the impoverished territory's two million Palestinian residents.

Whether Hamas continues to stay out of the fight likely depends in part on how much punishment Israel inflicts in Gaza as rocket fire steadily continues.

On Saturday afternoon, Israeli warplanes stepped up strikes with hits on four residential buildings in Gaza City, all locations apparently linked to Iran-backed Islamic Jihad militants. The destruction was the heaviest yet in the current exchange within the densely packed city, but there were no reports of casualties. In each case, the Israeli military warned residents ahead of the strikes.

Another strike on Saturday hit a car, killing a 75-year-old woman and wounding six other people.

In one of the strikes, after the warnings, fighter jets dropped two bombs on the house of an Islamic Jihad member. The blast flattened the two-story structure, leaving a large rubble-filled crater, and badly damaged surrounding homes.

Women and children rushed out of the area.

"Warned us? They warned us with rockets and we fled without taking anything," said Huda Shamalakh, who lived next door. She said 15 people lived in the targeted home.

Power crisis

The lone power plant in Gaza ground to a halt at noon on Saturday for lack of fuel as Israel has kept its crossing points into Gaza closed since Tuesday. With the new disruption, Gazans can get only 4 hours of electricity a day, increasing their reliance on private generators and deepening the territory's chronic power crisis amid peak summer heat.

Throughout the day, Gaza militants regularly launched rounds of rockets into southern Israel, but there were no reports of casualties. Most barrages were intercepted by Israel's Iron Dome missile-defence system, hit in empty areas or fell short into Gaza. Rocket shrapnel damaged the roof of a home in the city of Sderot, but the family was in a shelter.

Biden to host Pacific islands' leaders at White House

U.S. seeks to counter China's growing influence in the region

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U.S. President Joe Biden will host leaders of Pacific islands at the White House in September, a senior American diplomat said on Saturday, deepening a regional charm offensive to counter growing Chinese influence.

Visiting Tonga, Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman said the leaders would be invited to Washington for a meeting and dinner late in the month.

"This meeting will be a historic opportunity with the United States and Pacific islands countries to hear and listen, the Pacific way," Ms. Sherman said.

Joe Biden

New diplomatic missions

The move comes amid a flurry of U.S. shuttle diplomacy looking to bolster alliances in the Pacific against a more assertive Beijing.

Washington has announced it will open a series of new diplomatic missions in the region, and has been more vocal and visible in recent months.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken has visited and Vice-President Kamala Harris recently made a landmark address to the Pacific Islands Forum.

On Saturday, Ms. Sherman will attend a series of events in the neighbouring Solomon Islands, which is marking the 80th anniversary of Second World War Battle of Guadalcanal.

The Solomon Islands are at the centre of a renewed South Pacific rivalry between Beijing and Washington.

China signed an undisclosed security pact with the island nation in April, alarming Western allies. Under the deal, critics fear, China could gain a military foothold in the South Pacific.

A series of decisions by Solomons PM Manasseh Sogavare that appear to echo China's authoritarian style of governance may also be up for discussion.

Mr. Sogavare has moved to censor the public broadcaster, threatened other media and repeatedly floated delaying planned elections.

During the Tonga visit, Ms. Sherman highlighted the potential local impact of China's recent decision to suspend climate talks with the U.S., sparked by the visit of top Congressional Democrat Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan.

"For Tonga climate change is existential, and we understand that," she said.

Parts of nuclear plant damaged in strikes: Kyiv

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KYIV

Parts of Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant were "seriously damaged" by military strikes that forced one of its reactors to shut down, the plant's operator said on Saturday.

The Friday strikes on the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in south Ukraine – Europe's largest atomic power complex – "seriously damaged" a station containing nitrogen and oxygen and an "auxiliary building," Energoatom said on Telegram.

Kyiv and Moscow blamed each other for the attacks.

The strikes had damaged a power cable, forced one of the reactors to stop working and "there are still risks of leaking hydrogen and radioactive substances, and the risk of fire is also high", said Energoatom.

Rafael Grossi, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), said that the strikes represented "the latest in a long line of increasingly alarming reports".

Expect 'realistic' U.S. response on reviving nuclear deal: Iran

REUTERS
DUBAI

Iran's Foreign Minister called on Saturday for a "realistic response" from the U.S. to Iranian proposals at indirect talks in Vienna aimed at reviving Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, state media reported.

The comments came as talks continued for a third day on Saturday with few expecting a breakthrough compromise while Tehran's disputed Uranium enrichment programme surges forward.

"Hossein Amirabdollahian... stressed the need for a realistic U.S. response to Iran's constructive proposals on various issues to make the deal work," state media reported, without providing details on the proposals.

Little remains of the 2015 pact between Iran and the U.S., Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China.

In 2018, former U.S. President Donald Trump ditched the deal and reimposed harsh sanctions. In response, Tehran – which says its nuclear programme is for power generation and other peaceful purposes – breached the deal in several ways, including rebuilding stocks of enriched uranium.

Iranian media suggested a sticking point in the talks to revive the pact may be over Iran's refusal to address alleged unexplained uranium traces as demanded by the UN nuclear watchdog (IAEA).

Two killed in Kabul blast

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ISLAMABAD

A bomb went off Saturday in a minority Shia neighbourhood of the Afghan capital, killing at least two people and wounding 22, a Taliban official said.

According to Khalid Zadran, spokesman for the Kabul police chief, the explosion occurred in Kabul's Puli-e Sokhta area. One of the wounded was in critical condition, he added.

On Friday, a bomb hidden in a kart in another shia area of Kabul exploded, killing eight people.

Gen. Bajwa seeks UAE, Saudi bailout for Pakistan

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Days after seeking U. S. help in securing an early release of a crucial $1.7 billion instalment from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to Pakistan, Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa has now reached out to Saudi Arabia and the UAE as part of his efforts to ensure financial assistance for the cash-strapped nation, according to a media report on Saturday.

As the Executive Board of the IMF is set to meet later this month to formally approve the next tranche of $1.2 billion instalment, the international lender wants Pakistan to ensure it receives commitment from its friends for financial assistance, the *Express Tribune* newspaper reported.

The latest development came days days after Mr. Bajwa reportedly spoke to U. S. Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman in July last week seeking Washington's help for an early meeting of the IMF Executive Board.

52% fuel hike sparks protests in Bangladesh

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
DHAKA

Thousands of Bangladeshis besieged fuel stations across the country after the government raised prices by as much as 52%, the largest jump on record, on the back of higher oil prices.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has seen global energy prices soar, though oil has fallen back in recent weeks as recession fears mount.

Dhaka announced on Friday that the price of petrol was going up by 51.7% and diesel by 42.5% from midnight.

Motorcycle riders raced to fuel stations nationwide to try and fill up before the price rise went into effect. Some stations paused sales, and sporadic protests broke out.

Demonstrators said the increases will disproportionately hit the country's tens of millions of poor people, who use diesel to power transport and farming irrigation pumps.

In Sylhet, retailers tried to impose the higher prices immediately after the hike was announced, Police Commissioner Md. Nisharul Arif said.

"People gathered and protested in front of all the fuel pumps in Sylhet city."

There were similar protests in other cities.

Energy minister Nasru Hamid told reporters the decision was driven by global markets.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
E-Tender Notice No.
E148-CN-TPJ-TF-030 Dt: 03-08-2022
For and on behalf of President of India, the Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, General, Construction, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai-600008 invites e-tender for the work of Provision of Three phase 750 V AC supply arrangements to standard Pit lines for maintenance of LHB coaches at Tiruchchirappalli Coaching depot in connection with conversion of trains to HOG - Works Contract, with the above tender notice. Date of tender opening is **26.08.2022** at **11.30** Hrs. All the other details of this tender are available in **www.ireps.gov.in** website.
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ELECTRICAL (GENERAL), CONSTRUCTION, CHENNAI EGMORE
TENDER NOTICE NO. E-HQ-CN-MS-EOT4-2022-23
DATED 02.08.2022
For and on behalf of the President of India, The Dy Chief Electrical Engineer/ General/Construction/Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai-600008 invites E-Tender for the following work.
Name of Work: Provision of Three phase 750 V AC supply arrangements to standard Pit lines for maintenance of LHB coaches in connection with conversion of trains to HOG-TAMBARAM COACHING DEPOT.
1. Period of completion: Six Months
2. Approximate cost of work: ₹ 3,25,12,675.55
3. Cost of tender form : Nil
4. Earnest Money deposit: ₹ 3,12,600/-
5. Tender closing date: 24.08.2022
Complete details can be seen at www.ireps.gov.in
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MADURAI DIVISION
TENDER NOTICE NO: U-E-OT-2022-04
DATED: 05.08.2022
Divisional Electrical Engineer, General Services, Southern Railway, Madurai-625016 invites E-Tenders from reputed contractors for the under mentioned work.
Tender No. & Name of the Work: U-E-OT-2022-04-01; Outsourcing of AC coach attendant in various trains of Madurai Division for a period of three years
App. Tender Value: ₹ 8,70,41,005
Earnest Money Value: ₹ 5,85,200/-
Cost of Tender Form: ₹ 11,200/-
Contract Period: 36 Months
E-Tender Closing Date & Time: 29.08.2022 & 14.30 hours
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TENDER NOTICE NO. E-CN-MDU-EOT2-2022-23
DATED 04.08.2022
For and on behalf of the President of India, The Dy Chief Electrical Engineer/ General/Construction/Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai-600008 invites E-Tender for the following work.
Name of Work: Provision of Three phase 750 V AC supply arrangements to standard Pit lines for maintenance of LHB coaches in connection with conversion of trains to HOG-MADURAI COACHING DEPOT.
1. Period of completion: Six Months
2. Approximate cost of work: ₹ 3,29,48,639.17
3. Cost of tender form : Nil
4. Earnest Money deposit: ₹ 3,14,800/-
5. Tender closing date: 26.08.2022
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TENDER NOTICE NO. E-HQ-CN-MS-EOT5-2022-23
DATED 03.08.2022
For and on behalf of the President of India, The Dy Chief Electrical Engineer/ General/Construction/Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai-600008 invites E-Tender for the following work.
Name of Work: Provision of Three phase 750 V AC supply arrangements to standard Pit lines for maintenance of LHB coaches in connection with conversion of trains to HOG-COIMBATORE COACHING DEPOT.
1. Period of completion: Six Months
2. Approximate cost of work: ₹ 2,78,42,306.53
3. Cost of tender form : Nil
4. Earnest Money deposit: ₹ 2,89,200/-
5. Tender closing date: 24.08.2022
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TENDER NOTICE NO. E-HQ-CN-MS-EOT6-2022-23
DATED 03.08.2022
For and on behalf of the President of India, The Dy Chief Electrical Engineer/ General/Construction/Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai-600008 invites E-Tender for the following work.
Name of Work: Provision of Three phase 750 V AC supply arrangements to standard Pit lines for maintenance of LHB coaches in connection with conversion of trains to HOG-EGMORE GOPALSAMY NAGAR (GSN) COACHING DEPOT.
1. Period of completion: Six Months
2. Approximate cost of work: ₹ 2,48,35,977.41
3. Cost of tender form : Nil
4. Earnest Money deposit: ₹ 2,74,200/-
5. Tender closing date: 24.08.2022
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TENDER NOTICE NO. E-CN-MDU-EOT3-2022-23
DATED 04.08.2022
For and on behalf of the President of India, The Dy Chief Electrical Engineer/ General/Construction/Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai-600008 invites E-Tender for the following work.
Name of Work: Provision of Three phase 750 V AC supply arrangements to standard Pit lines for maintenance of LHB coaches in connection with conversion of trains to HOG-TIRUNELVELI (TEN) COACHING DEPOT.
1. Period of completion: Six Months
2. Approximate cost of work: ₹ 3,61,76,076.89
3. Cost of tender form : Nil
4. Earnest Money deposit: ₹ 3,30,900/-
5. Tender closing date: 26.08.2022
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TENDER NOTICE NO. E-HQ-CN-MS-EOT7-2022-23
DATED 03.08.2022
For and on behalf of the President of India, The Dy Chief Electrical Engineer/ General/Construction/Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai-600008 invites E-Tender for the following work.
Name of Work: Provision of sewage pumping arrangements in subway at Velachery including lighting and other associated electrical arrangements in Velachery to St. Thomas Mount section.
1. Period of completion: Six Months
2. Approximate cost of work: ₹ 97,30,879.55
3. Cost of tender form : Nil
4. Earnest Money deposit: ₹ 1,94,600/-
5. Tender closing date: 24.08.2022
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IN THE COURT OF XXIV ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BANGALORE
P & SC No. 519/2022 (CCH-6)
PETITIONER
1. **Rugsana Begum**, W/o Mohammed Adil Pasha, Aged about 43 years,
2. **Mohammed Naumaan** S/o Mohammed Adil Pasha, Aged about 19 years
3. **Sarah Suveba**, D/o Mohammed Adil Pasha, Aged about 16 years
4. **Afia Mariam** D/o Mohammed Adil Pasha, Aged about 12 years
Represented by mother **Rugsana Begum**
All are resident of No.20 Maaz Homes, Venkatappa Road, Off Queens Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560051
---V/s---
RESPONDENT ...NIL
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, the above named petitioners have filed the above petition to this Court under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner No.1, in respect of the schedule assets mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule was held by **Late Mohammed Adil Pasha**, the husband of Petitioner No.1 and the father of Petitioner No.2 to 4 herein, who expired on 19.09.2021.
Interested parties hereby called upon to appear before this Court either in person or through a pleader duly instructed **on 24.08.2022 at 11 AM** to show cause against the Petitioners failing which the above petition will be heard in your absence by considering the Respondent as NIL.
SCHEDULE
Item No.1 : Amount standing in the Current Account maintained in the name of **"M/s Eye World opticians"** belonging to deceased the Late Sri. Mohammed Adil Pasha bearing account No.020405500294 maintained with ICICI Bank Limited, branch office situated at No.5, P and T colony, R. T Nagar Main Road, R T Nagar, Bangalore-560032.
Item No.2 : Amount standing in the Current Account maintained in the name of **"M/s Digital Vision Eye Care"** belonging to the deceased Sri. Mohammed Adil Pasha, bearing account No. 020405500967 maintained with ICICI Bank Limited, branch office situated at No.5, P and T colony, R. T Nagar Main Road, R T Nagar, Bangalore 560032.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 28th day of July 2022.
By order of the Court
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT
BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONER

Government of Karnataka
PUBLIC WORKS, PORTS & INLAND WATER TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamarajanagara Division, Chamarajanagara
Phone / Fax : 08226-222027 Email : eecnr@kpwd.gov.in / pwdeechngr@gmail.com
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement portal only)
(Two Cover System : Section-I-Technical Bid and Section-2- Financial Bid)
Tender Notification No. 08/2022-23 Dated : 01-08-2022 (Call-1 & Call -3)
Item rate tenders are invited through e-procurement portal only on behalf of Governor of Karnataka from Eligible registered civil Contractor in KPWD in Standard Bid document **KW-3 & KW-4** form the Total no of works is 4, **H/A : 5054-MDR Bridges** minimum estimate cost Rs. 50.00 lakhs & maximum estimated cost is Rs. 260.00 lakhs, Total no of works is 1, **H/A : 4059-80-051-0-32-386 Court Building** minimum estimate cost Rs. 85.50 lakhs, Total no of works is 3, **H/A : 5054-SH Improvements** minimum estimate cost Rs. 440.00 lakhs & maximum estimated cost is Rs. 750.00 lakhs, Total no of works is 1, AND H/A :- 5054-MDR Improvements minimum estimate cost Rs. 170.00 lakhs. Further Changes in this Notification will be Published in E-Procurement Only.
Date of Events as follows :

1	Date and Time for downloading the tender document from the e-procurement portal	From 04-08-2022 to 18-08-2022 upto 16.00 Hrs
2	Pre-Bid Meeting Date	11-08-2022 in Division Office Meeting Hall at 11.00 AM
3	Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid	20-08-2022 after 16.00 Hrs.
4	Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid	22-08-2022 after 16.00 Hrs.

More Information can be had from the Website : **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** & Any other details required can be obtained from office of the under signed during office hours.
DIPR : CHANAGAR:232:2022-23
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Chamarajanagar.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM
Office of the Director of Tourism, No.3, 4th Floor, Embassy Icon, Infantry Road, Bangalore – 560 001.
E-mail:director@karnatakatourism.org | Tel: 080-22352525. | Fax:080-22352626.
No: DT/EXB/06/2022-23 Date:05.08.2022
NOTICE INVITING FOR TENDER (Through E-Procurement Only)
SELECTION OF AN AGENCY FOR INTERNATONAL EVENTS MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISING INTERNATIONAL ROADSHOWS AGENCY OF KARNATAKA TOURISM
Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka (DoT) intends to appoint an agency for International Events Management and Organising International Roadshows of Karnataka Tourism by inviting proposal from competent agency(ies) having similar experience in accordance with the Request for Proposal (REP) Document. The Bidding Document may be downloaded from the E-Procurement website **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **Dt: 06.08.2022 onwards**. Bidders may submit their Proposals through e-procurement mode on **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** website.
A pre-Proposal meeting will be held on **Dt: 12.08.2022 at 12:30 PM**. at the below mentioned address of the Director, Tourism. The last date and time for submission of Proposals (Proposal Due Date) is **Dt: 05.09.2022 upto 4:00 PM**. The Tender Inviting Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders to be received without assigning any reasons thereof. All subsequent notifications, changes and amendments will be posted only on the aforesaid e-procurement website. In case of any queries/clarifications on the project/documents please contact DoT
Joint Director (P&P) and Tender Inviting Authority
Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka
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SNAPSHOTS

Growing concerns
Researchers have sounded the alarm about the use of machine learning to make predictions on the basis of data patterns. At times, methodological pitfalls could lead to wildly overoptimistic conclusions. A prominent issue is 'data leakage', when information from the data set a model learns on includes data that it is later evaluated on.

Predicting shapes
Determining the 3D shape of almost any protein known to science will soon be as simple as typing in a Google search. Researchers have used the revolutionary artificial intelligence (AI) network AlphaFold to predict the structures of some 200 million proteins from one million species, covering nearly every known protein on the planet.

Holds promise
A pioneering gene therapy has used CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing to target the root cause of sickle-cell disease caused by a flaw in the body's oxygen-carrying protein, haemoglobin, which affects more than six million people. A clinical trial has already achieved exciting results, but the challenge will be reaching those most in need.

Dire warning
Risk management strategies for floods and droughts may not reduce the effects of unprecedented events, a study in *Nature* suggests. Researchers analysed a dataset of 45 pairs of flood or drought events that occurred in the same area at different time points. They found the difficulty of managing such extreme events.

Why strengthening genomic surveillance is an imperative

A recent study revealed that the rate of genetic changes in the monkeypox virus was higher than expected

BANI JOLLY
VINOD SCARIA

Ever since it was first reported in humans in 1970, monkeypox virus infections have been largely restricted to countries in Central and Eastern Africa until recently. Early in 2022, multiple cases were identified in Spain and several cases were reported from countries where the disease is not endemic, including regions in Europe and North America, and in patients with no history of travel to endemic regions.

Following a rapid rise in cases, the World Health Organization (WHO) on July 23, 2022 declared the 2022 monkeypox outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). As of early August 2022, over 25,000 cases of monkeypox have been reported from 83 countries, 76 of which have never historically reported monkeypox.

Genome sequences

The accelerated use of genomics as a tool to understand outbreaks in the last half decade has left an indelible mark during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and has seen a wider deployment of sequencing infrastructure across the world. Genomic surveillance of pathogens could provide unique insights to understand the outbreak better, track the spread of pathogens and provide immense opportunities for public health decision-making as well as for epidemiology.

Researchers from across the world have made available over 650 complete genome sequences of monkeypox isolates to date in public domain databases including GISAID and GenBank. This includes over 600 genomes which were sequenced this year alone from over 35 countries, including genomes of two isolates from India, collected from Kerala.

Accelerated evolution

The monkeypox virus has a DNA genome of around 2,00,000 base pairs, roughly six times larger than that of SARS-CoV-2. Like other viruses, the monkeypox virus evolves by the accumulation of genetic errors, or mutations, in its genome when it replicates inside a host. Information about mutations occurring in different genome sequences of the monkeypox virus across different regions can, thus, provide essential insights into how the virus is evolving, its genetic diversity and other factors that may be relevant to the development of diagnostic tools.

Being a DNA virus, the monkeypox virus like other poxviruses was believed to have a small rate of accumulating genetic changes compared to viruses with an RNA genome like SARS-CoV-2, which have a much larger rate of mutations. For poxviruses, this rate is estimated to be as low as a couple of genetic changes every year. A recent study, however, revealed that the observed rate of genetic changes in the virus was higher than expected – average of around 50 genetic changes. The higher-than-expected rate of evolution coupled with the rapid rise in monkeypox cases across the world could potentially be due to highly parallel evolution in a large number of individuals simultaneously, as the present outbreak came out of a superspreader event.

How genome sequencing has changed our understanding of monkeypox virus

Over 600 genomes have been sequenced this year alone from over 35 countries

- Genomic surveillance help provide unique insights into outbreaks, track the spread of pathogens, help public health decision-making as well as for epidemiology
- Being a DNA virus, the monkeypox virus like other poxviruses was believed to have a small rate of accumulating genetic changes
- But a recent study revealed that the observed rate of genetic changes in the virus was higher – average of around 50 genetic changes
- Infections in the animal reservoirs could also enable continued transmission and accumulation of mutations before the virus jumps to humans
- One study has suggested continued evolution of the virus, including deletions, suggesting newer ways in which the virus continues to evolve with sustained human-to-human transmission

Largely ignored: Before the first case was reported in the U.K. in May this year, only 50 complete genome sequences of monkeypox isolates were deposited in public databases

- Over 95% of the recently deposited genome sequences of the virus belong to the B.1 lineage linked to the superspreader events in Europe
- The A.2 lineage of the monkeypox virus encompasses six genome sequences, including the two collected from Kerala
- The A.2 lineage amid the 2022 outbreak suggests a previously undetected and cryptic transmission of the virus in multiple countries since at least 2021

APOBEC3 protein

The study also suggests that several mutations that have been identified in the new sequences of the monkeypox virus may have emerged due to interaction between the virus genome and an important family of proteins coded by the human genome known as the Apolipoprotein B Editing Complex (or APOBEC3). These proteins offer protection against certain viral infections by editing the genome sequence of the virus while it replicates in the cell.

Some researchers, therefore, suggest that many of the genetic mutations in the monkeypox genomes from the current outbreak are relics of the effect of APOBEC3 and may not provide a significant evolutionary advantage to the virus.

Monkeypox virus can infect a range of hosts, including non-human primates and rodents which could act as a natural reservoir. Infections in the reservoir could also enable continued transmission and accumulation of mutations before spilling over to cause human infections. Other studies have also suggested a continued evolution of the virus, including deletions involving genes as seen in a few genomes from the present outbreak, which could suggest newer ways in which the virus continues to evolve with sustained human-to-human transmission.

Monkeypox lineages

Clusters of genomes having common and shared mutations and a common origin are referred to as a lineage or clade. In the early 2000s, two different clades of monkeypox virus were defined in Africa where several cases of the disease have been seen – the Central African (Congo Basin) clade and the West African clade, of which the Congo Basin clade has been shown to be more transmissible and cause more severe disease.

Since naming viral lineages using the country or geography of origin could be discriminatory and possibly not in the right spirit, a new system of naming monkeypox lineages has been proposed by researchers recently. Under the new proposed system, the Congo Basin clade is denoted as clade 1, while the West African clade is divided into clade 2 and clade 3. This new system will also describe sub-lineages of the virus, with the original parent lineage being denoted as lineage 'A', and its descendants as 'A.1', 'A.1.1', 'A.2', and 'B.1'. Lineage B.1 denoted the current 2022 outbreak of monkeypox virus infections which is a descendant of the A.1.1 lineage.

2022 outbreak insights

With several genome sequences of the monkeypox virus available in public databases, it is possible today to understand the prevalence of different lineages of the virus across different regions. Over 95% of the recently deposited genome sequences of the virus belong to the B.1 lineage of monkeypox virus and this lineage is epidemiologically linked to the superspreader events in Europe that formed the basis for the current outbreak of monkeypox.

While a majority of the genomes deposited could be linked to the 2022 outbreak of monkeypox, sequences deposited recently in 2022 from the U.S., Thailand and India suggest that there is a second distinct lineage of the monkeypox virus that is currently in active circulation in 2022. These genomes are classified as the A.2 lineage of the monkeypox virus and currently encompass six genome sequences, including two that were collected from Kerala. The earliest genome belonging to this lineage was collected from Texas in 2021 while the two sequences from Kerala collected in 2022 cluster closely with a genome collected from Florida in the same year.

The characterisation of this distinct lineage amid the 2022 outbreak of monkeypox suggests that a previously undetected and cryptic transmission of the virus has been occurring in multiple countries, since at least around 2021, and was probably uncovered due to increasing awareness about the disease and the availability of diagnostic tools.

Genomic surveillance of pathogens provides interesting insights by following a molecular approach for contact tracing and understanding the transmission of the virus across the world. As cases of monkeypox continue to rise, it is therefore important to strengthen the genomic surveillance for the monkeypox virus. Since data from the present outbreak suggest a sustained human-to-human transmission, continuous genomic surveillance is important to understand the evolution and adaptation of the virus, apart from providing useful data to epidemiologists.

With COVID-19 continuing unabated and monkeypox around the corner, the time has never been better, and the need never more acute, to build a sustainable system for genomic surveillance in India.

(The authors are researchers at the CSIR Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB) in Delhi. Views expressed here are personal)

Study of rock agama gives insights into urbanisation, conservation

The presence of these ectotherms indicates warmer patches in the city, presence of insects

SHUBASHREE DESIKAN

The Peninsular Rock Agama *(Psammophilus dorsalis)* which is a type of garden lizard has a strong presence in southern India. Habitat loss and other such features of urbanisation have affected the presence of the animal in urban centres. A study carried out by researchers from Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, undertook to characterise urbanisation in the region and also to understand where the rock agama reside in and around Bengaluru specifically.

The study, published in *Frontiers in Conservation Science*, examined several environmental factors that could affect the presence of the lizard and revealed that they are found mainly in rocky places and warm spots. Thus, the inference is that conservation efforts must point towards retaining rocky patches even while reviving landscapes by planting trees.

Seek warmth

This lizard is a large animal, strikingly coloured in orange and black. They do not generate their own body heat, so they need to seek warmth from external sources like a warm rock or a sunny spot on the wall. They are important in ecology from different aspects – they can indicate which parts of the city are warming, and their numbers show how the food web is changing.

Marker: Peninsular rock agama can indicate which parts of the city are warming. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Maria Thaker from the Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc, Bengaluru, who is an author of the paper, says that since these lizards eat insects and are in turn eaten by raptors, snakes and dogs, they cannot live in places where there are no insects.

"Insects are critical components of a healthy ecosystem as they provide so many services, including pollination. So, while rock agamas are interesting in themselves, they are also a good model system to understand other aspects of the ecosystem," she says, in an email to *The Hindu*.

Dr. Thaker's PhD students Madhura Amdekar and Abhijit Nageskumar along with student volunteers systematically surveyed Bengaluru and the surrounding area. "We counted the number of lizards in over a hundred 20 by 20 metre plots and collected fine-scale habitat information that is not available from satellite data using photographs taken by drones," says Dr. Thaker.

Insights on urbanisation

The research threw interesting insights in the case of urbanisation of Bengaluru. "Distance to city centre and proportion of built-up area are commonly used to understand urbanisation," says Nitya Prakash Mohanty, a post-doctoral fellow at the centre and an author of the paper.

"After approximately 20 km from the general post office, Bengaluru is a heterogenous matrix of crops, plantations, and rocky habitats," says Dr. Thaker. Artificial light at night was closely linked with built-up areas in the city, but other ecological conditions such as the number of bird predators or the connectivity of habitats showed large variation and no clear patterns from city centre, she explains.

Small animals matter

Usually, biodiversity conservation brings to mind large animals like tigers or elephants or even birds, but organisms like the rock agama play an equally important role in the ecosystem. "In cities such as Bengaluru, there is a lot of flora and fauna that is rapidly disappearing. The rock agama is one such species which is dependent on rocky scrub habitats which are being converted into buildings and plantations," says K.S. Seshadri, another author of the paper.

The study apart from characterising the way Bengaluru has grown, further underlines that smaller fauna and flora could be key indicators of the health of the ecosystem and need to be preserved, too.

Creatures that crossed an ocean to find India

India occupies a pivotal position in the distribution of life forms in Asia, Madagascar and Africa

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You will most likely see lemurs in a Hollywood animation movie; singing, dancing and playing pranks. In the wild, they are found only on the island of Madagascar, which, to naturalists has always been a place of intriguing creatures.

Many life forms in Madagascar have affinities to lineages found in India (3,800 km away) rather than Africa (413 km). This posed a 'difficult enigma' to naturalists.

Zoologist Philip Sclater was perplexed by the presence of lemurs, their relatives, and their fossils in Madagascar and India, but not in nearby Africa or the Middle East. In the 1860s, he proposed that a large island or continent must have once existed between India and Madagascar, serving as a land bridge. Over time, this island had sunk. He called this proposed island Lemuria.

Sclater's hypothesis fascinated occultists such as Helena Blavatsky, who thought that this had to be the place, now lost, where humans originated.

Tamil revivalists such as Devaneya Pavanar also took up the idea, in the form of a Tamil civilisation, lost to the sea as described in literature and in Pandyan legends. They called this submerged continent Kumari Kandam.

Continental drift

Sclater's ideas lost favour when another 'outlandish' theory, of continental drift, began to gain acceptance. In plate tectonics, the large rocky plates that we stand on float on molten subterranean rocks and move 2-15 cm per year relative to each other. A landmass called Gondwana, split into two 165 million years ago – one containing what is now Africa and South America, the other comprising India, Madagascar, Australia and Antarctica.

Around 115 million years ago, Madagascar and India together broke free. Around 88 million years ago, India moved northward, dropping a few parcels of land along the way to form Seychelles. It joined the Eurasian mass 50 million years ago giving rise to the Himalayas and South Asia that we are familiar with.

Around 115 million years ago, it was the dinosaurs that ruled. Many life forms had not even evolved. Supporting the Gondwana breakup, dinosaur fossils found in India and Madagascar are closely related, and do not resemble species found in Africa and Asia. Fragments of *Laplatosaurus madagascarensis* have been found in both India and Madagascar.

Preserved: A species of bat and a primitive lemur have been found in Gujarat's Vastan lignite mine. • AFP

Molecular clocks

A powerful technique, the molecular clock, is used to estimate the time when two forms of life diverged from each other. It is based on the observation that evolutionary changes in the sequence of an RNA or a protein molecule occur at a fairly constant rate. The difference in the amino acids of, say the haemoglobin of two animals can tell you how long ago their lineages diverged. Molecular clocks corroborate well with other evidence, such as the fossil record.

South India and Sri Lanka have only two genuses of the cichlid family of freshwater and brackish-water fishes – the *Etroplus* (a food fish in Kerala, where it is called *pallathi*) and *Pseudetroplus*. Molecular comparisons show that the nearest relatives of Etroplus are found in Madagascar, and their common ancestor diverged from African cichlids 160 million years ago. A fourth group is in South America, thus, accounting for the fragments of Gondwana.

India's pivotal position

India occupies a pivotal position in the distribution of life forms in Asia, Madagascar and Africa. Gondwana creatures moved out of India. Others crossed over to stay. For example, Asian freshwater crabs (*Gecarcinucidae*) are now found all over Southeast Asia but their most recent common ancestor evolved in India. The frog family, *Sooglossidae*, is found only in India and the Seychelles (Datta-Roy and Karanth, *Journal of Biosciences*, 2009).

Fossil finds in the Vastan lignite mine in Gujarat by researchers from HNB Garhwal University, Panjab University and Johns Hopkins University have identified the earliest Indian mammal, a species of bat, and the earliest euprimate, a primitive lemur. These were dated 53 million years ago, around the time (or just before) the India-Eurasian plates collided (*Journal of the Paleontological Society of India*, 2005).

What about the lemurs? Madagascar is a large island, with a variety of climatic conditions. Evidence favours an ancestor primate crossing over from Africa. No monkey, ape or large predator managed the crossing, so dozens of lemur species proliferated.

In India, we have the lorises, which are the closest extant relatives of the lemurs. These are shy, nocturnal forest dwellers, with large, appealing eyes. They are also believed to have survived oceanic rides from Africa. They are mostly found in the Northeastern States (slow loris), and where Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu meet (slender loris).

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Question Corner

Slender Pitcher

What powers the traps of Slender Pitcher plant to catch insects?

Scientists at the University of Bristol have uncovered the deadly workings of a carnivorous plant – Slender Pitcher plant (*Nepenthes gracilis*). The Slender Pitcher plant in the steaming jungles of Borneo has developed one of the most ingenious tricks to help them survive and outcompete their neighbours.

Its elaborate cup-shaped leaves are equipped with a canopy-like hanging lid that turns into a deadly springboard for ants when it is hit by a falling rain drop. The findings (*Biology Letters*) reveal for the first time how the lethal spring works.

The team was surprised to find that the spring is located far down in the back of the tubular pitcher wall. The off-centre location at the rear of the tube has two effects.

First, it makes the spring direction-dependent and as a result, the lid moves easily down, but not up. When a rain drop hits, the lid is accelerated quickly downwards, flicking any insects sitting on its underside into the fluid-filled trap below. On the way up though, the increased resistance of the spring slows the lid down, so that it stops moving sooner and the trap is quickly ready to capture again, says a release.

Second, the off-centre spring prevents the lid from twisting or wobbling, thereby maximising the transmission of impact energy into downward movement.

This clever use of geometry makes *Nepenthes gracilis* the only known plant to exploit an external energy source to achieve extremely fast movement – entirely free of metabolic costs.

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Data law delay

Why has the government withdrawn the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 after JPC scrutiny?

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The story so far: On Wednesday, August 3, the government withdrew the Personal Data Protection Bill that it had tabled in the Lok Sabha on December 11, 2019. The Bill, which had undergone intense scrutiny by a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), would now be replaced by "a new bill that fits into the comprehensive legal framework," as per the government's statement on the withdrawal. IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has said that the new Bill is in advanced stages of preparation and may be tabled in the Budget session next year.

What are the origins of the Bill?

■ In the seminal *Justice K.S. Puttaswamy (Retd) vs Union of India* case, the Supreme Court of India ordered in 2017 that the right to privacy is an intrinsic part of the right to life and personal freedom guaranteed by the Indian constitution. In the light of this judgment, and the concerns around how large tech platforms were handling the personal data of its Indian users, the Centre in 2017 set up an expert committee chaired by retired Supreme Court Justice B.N. Srikrishna to formulate a regulatory framework for data protection. The Srikrishna Committee submitted its report and a draft for the Data Protection Bill to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on July 27, 2018.

The Bill that was tabled by the Ministry in Parliament over a year later was, however, criticised by Justice Srikrishna for giving much more control to the Central government over the data than envisaged in the committee's draft.

The JPC that then deliberated on the Bill submitted its report in November, 2021, clearing clause 35, the provision that enables government agencies to circumvent provisions of the law citing "public order", "sovereignty", "friendly relations with foreign states" and "security of the state". The opposition members of the JPC had submitted strong dissent notes along with the report.

One of the key recommendations is widening the ambit of the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 to cover all data instead of just personal data, thus moving it considerably away from its *Puttaswamy* origins

Why has the Bill been withdrawn now?

■ Despite the government retaining its access to data, it has withdrawn the Bill now citing the significant number of amendments, recommendations, and corrections suggested by the JPC. The JPC's 542-page report has 93 recommendations, 81 amendments and members have suggested 97 corrections and improvements to the Bill. One of the key recommendations is widening the ambit of the Bill to cover all data instead of just personal data – thus moving it considerably away from its *Puttaswamy* origins. The stated view of the government is that in the face of such a radical overhaul, it is better to bring in a new Bill.

Alongside this, the government has also said that it received several concerns from the tech industry – specifically from Indian start-ups – regarding the stipulations on data localisation in the Bill.

What does the Bill say on data localisation?

■ Personal data was defined in the Bill as "any characteristic, trait, attribute or any other feature information" that can be used to identify a person. The Bill also identified a sub-category of Sensitive Personal Data, such as details on a person's finance, health, sexual orientation and practices, caste, political and religious beliefs, and biometric and genetic data. It also created a Critical Personal Data category, which was "personal data as may be notified by the Central government" in the future.

The Bill stated that while Sensitive Personal Data can be transferred abroad for processing, a copy of it must be kept in India. Critical Personal Data can be stored and processed only in India. It also stipulates the conditions under which sensitive data can be sent abroad, such as government authorised contracts.

Several countries have such localisation provisions, considering the strategic and commercial implications of data, the "new oil". However, businesses both big and small, international, and domestic, have issues with such localisation.

What were the concerns of the tech industry?

■ Indian start-ups have raised the issue that the infrastructure needed to comply with the localisation stipulations will be a huge drain on their resources. Start-ups also often depend on international companies for services such as customer management, analytics and marketing, which will require them to send data on their customers abroad. Data localisation requirements would not only reduce their choices on such services but also burden them with compliance processes.

The compliance requirements have implications for the larger U.S.-based tech companies as well, with reports indicating that umbrella organisations of U.S. businesses were lobbying against the Bill.

One of the JPC recommendations would also have been of particular concern for social media companies as it sought to move them from the category of online intermediaries to content publishers, thus making them responsible for the posts they host.

Why is Taiwan caught between U.S. and China?

What is the 'One China Policy'? Why has U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to the island angered China?

ANANTH KRISHNAN

The story so far: On August 3, United States House Speaker and senior Democratic Party politician Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan. In Taipei, Ms. Pelosi held talks with President Tsai Ing-wen, addressed the legislature, and received a civilian honour. The trip was the highest-level visit from the U.S. to Taiwan in 25 years. China, which had publicly warned the U.S. against going ahead with it, saying it would violate commitments under the 'One China Policy', has since responded with diplomatic, military and economic measures.

Why did the U.S. House Speaker visit Taiwan?

■ Speaking in Taipei, Ms. Pelosi said her visit was focussed on three issues: human rights, trade and security. Ms. Pelosi also wanted to send a message of solidarity with Taiwan. She said the world "faces a choice between democracy and autocracy" and the visit was aimed at expressing that "America's determination to preserve democracy in Taiwan and in the world remains iron-clad". Ms. Pelosi has previously spoken out about human rights issues involving China in Tibet, Xinjiang and Hong Kong, and the visit, by most accounts, has been driven by the House Speaker rather than by the administration. Taiwan has welcomed this rare high-level visit as a boost to its global standing, although the White House and U.S. military were far from enthusiastic about the visit, expecting repercussions on relations with China. U.S. President Joe Biden said last month the visit was "not a good idea", but added that the decision to visit was entirely Ms. Pelosi's. However, as she was a representative of a different branch of government (the legislature), the White House (representing the executive) could not intervene.

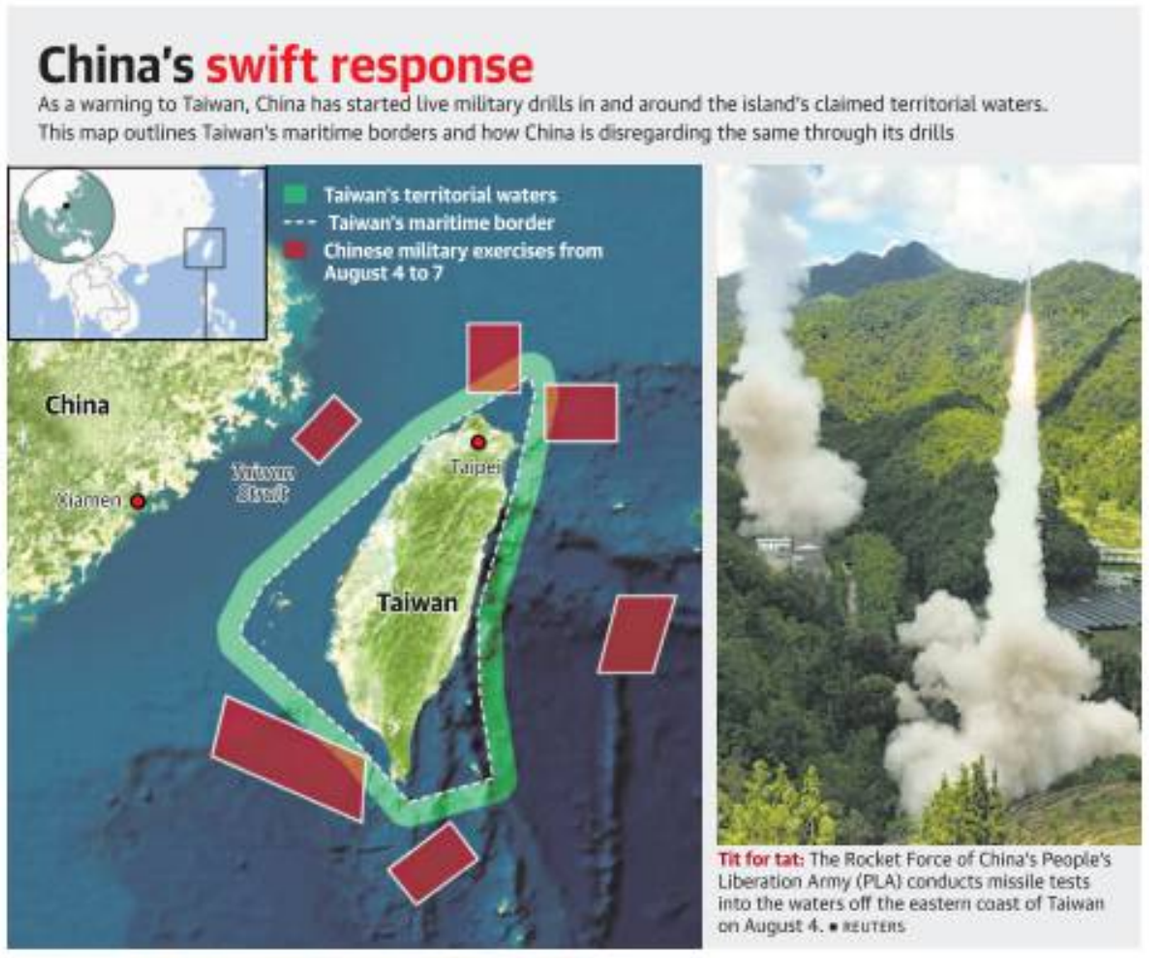
Why did China oppose the visit?

■ Members of the U.S. Congress – Ms. Pelosi is currently Speaker of the House of Representatives – have previously visited Taiwan, although Ms. Pelosi is the first Speaker, and thus highest-level visitor, since 1997. While U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken argued that this suggested there was "precedent" for the visit, China has seen it as an attempt by the U.S. to change the status quo as far as its 'One China Policy' is concerned. In Beijing's view, Ms. Pelosi's visit is the latest of a number of moves, going back to the previous Trump administration, aimed at "hollowing out" and redefining the 'One China Policy'. Hence, the robust response from China.

Does the visit violate the 'One China Policy'?

■ The answer depends on how the 'One China Policy' is interpreted, and both sides have clearly done so differently. The joint communique that established diplomatic relations between the U.S. and China in 1979 declared that "the United States of America recognises the Government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal Government of China". Since the establishment of relations with China, the U.S. no longer has formal diplomatic relations with Taiwan under the 'One China Policy'. Within this context, the very first paragraph of the communique adds, "the people of the United States will maintain cultural, commercial, and other unofficial relations with the people of Taiwan."

China has seen Ms. Pelosi's visit as a political one and thus as a violation of this communique, which it has described as the very foundations of the relationship. Beijing has pointed to her status as House Speaker and second in line to the presidency after the Vice President. The U.S. argument is that Ms. Pelosi does not represent the executive branch – the White House, Cabinet and federal agencies – that has continued to abide by the policy and eschewed high-level political engagement with Taiwan. Beijing, however, has rejected that argument, pointing out that the U.S. cannot have multiple foreign policies. It also rejected the "precedent" argument saying that past visits were also violations.


China's swift response
As a warning to Taiwan, China has started live military drills in and around the island's claimed territorial waters.
This map outlines Taiwan's maritime borders and how China is disregarding the same through its drills
Taiwan's territorial waters
Taiwan's maritime border
Chinese military exercises from August 4 to 7
China
Xiamen
Taiwan Strait
Taipei
Taiwan

Tit for tat: The Rocket Force of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) conducts missile tests into the waters off the eastern coast of Taiwan on August 4. • REUTERS

Military exercises apart, China has put in place modest economic curbs. Measures so far have not targeted the main drivers of bilateral trade, including semiconductors, for which Chinese companies are dependent on Taiwan

How has China responded?

■ The most significant response so far has been the holding of unprecedented live-firing military drills in six regions surrounding Taiwan. The four-day exercises, which began a day after Ms. Pelosi's visit on August 4, have essentially blockaded Taiwan's waters and airspace, and marked a number of firsts, such as the crossing of the median line of the Taiwan Strait by a large number of warships and aircraft, and the firing of conventional missiles over the island of Taiwan into waters to the east. Chinese analysts have said the drills were aimed at signalling a new normal in China's military activities around Taiwan, as well as simulating a future blockade and thus sending a message both to Taiwan and the U.S. Ships and flights were barred from entering the zones.

The broader messaging is to the domestic audience in China, some of whom last week raised questions of the government on social media asking why its public warnings had failed to deter Ms. Pelosi from going ahead with the visit.

In addition to the military measures, China has so far put in place modest economic curbs such as barring more than 100 Taiwanese exporters, and a suspension of fish, fruit and sand imports, which account for a small portion of two-way trade.

Measures have not, so far, targeted the main drivers of bilateral trade, including semiconductors, for which Chinese companies are dependent on Taiwan, while for Taiwan, China is by far the biggest export market, accounting for 42% of its total exports last year.

What will be the visit's impact on China-U.S. relations?

■ On August 5, China announced it will cancel or suspend eight key dialogue mechanisms with the U.S. With the cancellation of three key bilateral military dialogue mechanisms – a Theatre Commanders meet, Defence Policy Coordination Talks, and talks under the Military Maritime Consultative Agreement (MMCA) – observers fear growing military tensions, particularly with China's new exercises taking place closer to Taiwan. Beijing has also suspended bilateral talks on climate change, repatriation of illegal immigrants, legal assistance in criminal matters, transnational crimes, and counter-narcotics. An extended period of tense relations is in store both between China and the U.S. and across the Taiwan Strait.

How will the 5G auction impact the sector?

When will the mass roll-out happen? Will better services help improve the debt situation of telecom providers?

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The story so far: The auction of telecom spectrum, including bands for offering fifth generation (5G) technology services, concluded on Monday drawing record bids exceeding ₹1.50 lakh crore. Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said 71% of the 72,098 MHz of spectrum on offer was sold. Reliance Jio emerged as the top bidder, staking claim for a period of 20 years to 24,740 MHz of spectrum. Bharti Airtel stood second with 19,867.8 MHz worth spectrum and Vodafone-Idea third with 6,228.4 MHz worth spectrum. The mop-up from the bids with respect to 5G airwaves was almost double in comparison to that of 4G last year. According to the telecom Minister, "Spectrum purchased is good enough to cover all circles in the country. [In the] coming two-three years, we will have good 5G coverage." As per the Ministry, the roll-out of 5G services is likely to start by September/October.

What did telecom service providers shop for?

■ Spectrum in three bands, namely, low (constituting of 600, 700, 800, 900, 1800, 2,100 and 2,500 MHz bands), mid (3,300 MHz) and high (26 GHz – 1 GHz equals 1000 Mhz) frequency bands were put up for auction.

Low-band spectrum is popular for providing wider coverage, however, the speed and latency might just be an incremental upgrade over 4G. Speed is subject to the proximity to the source. On the other hand, the high band spectrum can provide speeds of up to two Gbps but is unable to travel longer distances, at times, less than a mile. Additionally, signals from the low-band spectrum can travel through windows and walls which is not the case with the high-band.

The mid-band spectrum falls somewhere between the two. It can carry sizeable data over longer distances and maintain increased speeds.

The mid and the high-band garnered maximum attention at the auction with 76% and 72% of the available spectrum respectively sold. Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio combined, staked claim to 87% of the total purchased spectrum in these two bands, strengthening their operational capability in the 5G market.

While making bids for spectrum, telcos take note of their existing financial position and priorities. Thus, not all spectrum on offer is acquired. For example, the 700 Mhz spectrum went unsold in 2016 and 2021. This time, Jio emerged as the sole entity to spend ₹39,270 crore on the 'premium band' known to improve indoor and rural coverage as well as possessing the ability to penetrate through walls and properties more effectively. Operators did not opt for this band previously because of their financial positions and high prices, focussing instead on alternate strategies. Thus, reflecting its financial health, Vodafone-Idea spent slightly above a quarter of the combined average spend of their compatriots. It also focussed on the mid and high-band spectrum.

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The latest entrant to the sector, Adani Data Networks, paid ₹212 crore to acquire 400 MHz in the high band. The company had earlier made it clear that it was "not to be in the consumer mobility space." Instead, it would provide private network solutions with enhanced cyber security in its airport, ports and logistics, power generations, transmission, distribution and various manufacturing operations.

The 600 Mhz category did not find any takers, which as per the Ministry, was because the device ecosystem for the band was not yet developed for mobile telephony. However, the band may become important in a few years, it stated.

What will it be used for?

■ "While the 3,300 MHz band will be crucial for 5G technology deployment going forward, the appetite for the 1,800 MHz band stems from the rising mobile broadband usage and thus the need for improving network capacity." ICRA's Vice President and sector head Ankit Jain told *The Hindu*. He added that the amount of spectrum put to auction was optimal as witnessed by the fact that apart from one circle in the 1,800 MHz band, spectrum was sold at the reserve price only. The high reserve prices caused some disquiet in the industry when the auction was cleared.

The fact that a significant share of the bids was at the reserve prices indicates the sense of competitiveness in the industry.

What is the post-auction outlook for the industry?

■ Telecommunications in India is a price-sensitive and competitive market. The sector is capital-intensive, and has to consistently invest in upgrading technologies and improving services. A tariff war initiated by the entry of new players in the previous decade, resulted in severe financial distress for companies. Therefore, the investment made towards 5G could potentially further stress the sector's debt position.

Manish Gupta, senior director at CRISIL Ratings, contended that with the latest spectrum purchase, the debt could rise to about ₹6.1 lakh crore. He said that the adoption of 5G services would hinge directly on the premium levied from 4G services. So, despite the two rounds of major tariff increases in December 2019 and November 2021, there could be another increase in rates (for 4G services) in the current fiscal. The ability of the sector to meet its financial obligations ought to improve in the next fiscal once the complete benefits of expected tariff increases and the 5G launch are realised.

What upgrades are necessary for 5G implementation?

■ The mass roll-out of 5G is likely to take some time. Mr. Gupta said the mass roll-out may happen only next fiscal as telcos need to first upgrade fiberisation. "The telcos are also required to launch commercial services in at least one city of each circle by the end of the first year of acquiring the licence, as per roll-out obligations," he observed.

What about the debt situation?

■ Notwithstanding the debt levels, ICRA pointed to the fact that the cash flow being generated from business was improving. The latest spectrum auction too would improve the sector's operational viability by lowering the repayment burden.

For the first time ever, there was no mandatory requirement to make any upfront payment. The payment for the spectrum could be made in 20 equal annual instalments in advance at the beginning of each year. This could potentially lower the operating costs for telcos, in turn, providing an opportunity to spur their respective ARPUs (average revenue per user). "Thus, while the debt metrics for the industry might look stretched, the improving cash-flow position with improvement in ARPU levels translates into a 'stable' outlook for the industry," Mr. Jain said.

5G, however, may not mean much for rural India, according to Mr. Jain, as operators would only opt for areas where they can generate adequate returns.

NANCY PELOSI

A California liberal who angered communist China

The U.S. House Speaker, face of the Democratic Party for decades, kicked off a diplomatic storm in U.S.-China relations by visiting Taiwan

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In November 2018, soon after the mid-term elections when the Democrats regained majority in the House of Representatives, a group of Democrats circulated a letter calling for a change of leadership. The letter thanked Nancy Pelosi – leader of the House Democratic Caucus since 2003 – "for her years of service to our country" and said that "the time has come for new leadership in our Caucus". Noting that "Democrats ran and won on a message of change", the signatories said they had promised their voters they will "change the status quo, and we intend to deliver on that promise".

This represented the first open challenge to Ms. Pelosi's leadership of the Democratic Party. Yet, the letter did not name an alternative leader. In other words, even those who wanted her gone did not believe they could take her on and win. Hence a fishing expedition of a letter, put out in the hope that Ms. Pelosi would see it, get the message, and perhaps go away on her own. But Ms. Pelosi would not go away. She went on to be reelected as Speaker in January 2019, and again in 2021 for a record fourth time.

Now 82-years-old, Ms. Pelosi – the first woman in American history to lead a party in Congress, and the first woman Speaker of the House – has seen several Presidents come and go. From the time of George W. Bush, through the Barack Obama and Donald Trump Presidencies, there wasn't a big-ticket legislation that could have made it through Congress without her help. When Mr. Obama had lost all hope of getting his signature Affordable Care Act passed, it was Ms. Pelosi who, as House Speaker, somehow mobilised the numbers to make it happen.

Her skills as a wheeler-dealer adept at floor management came to the fore even when her party was 'in the Opposition', as it were – for she could also deploy those skills to frustrate a Republican President, as she did when she repeatedly blocked funding for Mr. Trump's bid to build a wall on the U.S.-Mexican border. Of course, she is best known for taking on Mr. Trump – both by trolling him regularly, and by getting him impeached, twice. Given that it was a foregone conclusion that Mr. Trump would be acquitted by the Republican-controlled Senate, Ms. Pelosi's handling of the impeachment process was a political master class. She controlled both the timing – she resisted calls from her own party colleagues to launch an impeachment inquiry for the longest time – and the timeline in such a way that Mr. Trump got minimal electoral mileage from it.

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How good she really is becomes clear in a comparison with her predecessors from the Republican Party who, despite holding majorities, often failed to get their Bills passed, which rarely, if ever, happened under Ms. Pelosi's legislature leadership. The Democratic Party is a roiling cauldron of diverse identity, political and interest groups. To get them all to vote together time and again, and also get a few Republicans on board to make up the numbers, is not an easy task, which probably explains her longevity. With her deputies also in their early eighties, two things are clear: the Democrats need a change in leadership, and Ms. Pelosi is not easily replaceable. The 2018 letter was a symptom of this contradiction, and with four years having gone by, the Democrats don't have much time to resolve it.

'Limousine liberal'

In the meantime, there are mid-term elections to deal with and the Democrats' prospects have looked grim. President Joe Biden's ratings have plummeted. Ms. Pelosi, the other big face of the Democratic Party, is a liberal from California – one of a kind derisively labelled by the right wing as 'limousine liberals', given their penchant for espousing progressive values to the 99% while ensconced in the extreme wealth of the 1%.

Born in 1940 in an influential family – her father Thomas D'Alesandro Jr. was the Mayor of Baltimore and a Congressman – a political career for Ms. Pelosi was always on the cards. *TIME* magazine journalist Molly Ball, in her book on Ms. Pelosi writes, "When she first set foot in Capitol's marble hallways, she was six-year-old Nancy D'Alesandro, a little girl from Baltimore, watching her father get sworn in for his fifth term as a member of Congress." With an estimated net worth of $135 million, Ms. Pelosi has consistently figured in the list of wealthiest members of Congress. At the same time, she has a long track record of supporting what she describes as "core democratic values", which include human rights, LGBTQ rights, abortion rights, a measure of social security, and stricter gun control regulations.

Right-wing attack

With rising inequality, and sharpening divide between rural America and the urban elites, the generational wealth and political privilege that Ms. Pelosi embodies – especially when bracketed with her liberal agenda – has made her an easy target for the right wing. When the backlash to 'Obamacare' came, it was Ms. Pelosi who was targeted by the Republicans, whose 2010 mid-term campaign involved a 117-city 'Fire Pelosi' bus tour and featured giant cut-outs that, as Ms. Ball puts it, depicted "her as a rampaging fifty-foot-tall giantess". Targeting Ms. Pelosi worked. The Republicans regained control of Congress. But Ms. Pelosi, far from quitting, hunkered down.

As a master tactician and gifted fund-raiser who revelled in wielding power from behind the scenes, she has deployed her human rights card with characteristic shrewdness. She played it with aplomb in 1991 when she embarrassed the Chinese leadership by unfurling a banner in the Tiananmen Square honouring pro-democracy protesters. She followed it up with regular meetings with exiled Tibetan leader, the Dalai Lama. She piloted legislation supporting Hong Kong's pro-democracy protesters. She called for a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Olympics over the treatment of Uighur Muslims, and got it. But her human rights card – assuming it is one based on principle – has never come out in support of the Palestinians, whose miseries in an apartheid state are copiously documented.

The trip to Taiwan

Against this background, how does one read Ms. Pelosi's Taiwan visit, carried out in the teeth of fierce Chinese opposition? The argument the White House tried to sell to China – that she is not a part of the Biden administration and therefore her visit does not reflect U.S. foreign policy – was never going to work. The Washington establishment knew the Chinese wouldn't buy it. But she was allowed to go ahead with the visit anyway. One can only conjecture on the reasons why.

First, of course, is domestic politics. Anti-China sentiment has been growing among Americans. Recent polls suggest that while 82% have a negative view of China, 69% believe the U.S. should recognise Taiwan as an independent nation. The Republicans have traditionally monopolised the politics of 'toughness' – a core American value, especially in the rust belt. For Democrats, however, displaying toughness on the foreign policy front is a relatively easier win compared to, say, passing the Medicare for All Act, which is still pending before different committees.

It was on the eve of the 100-day countdown to the mid-terms polls that the Biden administration took down al-Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri. The timing of the Taiwan visit – there was no substantive reason why it had to happen when it did – has raised speculations that it could have been done with an eye on the mid-terms. Almost on cue, poll ratings for Democrats have begun to look up.

It shouldn't be too surprising if Ms. Pelosi – like she did in 2018 – manages to get the Democrats over the line one more time. But even if she doesn't, in being singled out for sanctions by China, she has found a befitting coda to her China-focussed human rights legacy.

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U.U. LALIT

A firm hand of rule of law

A Supreme Court judge since 2014, he is known for his humanitarian approach

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It was 9 a.m. on a hot July morning. A Friday. One of the busiest days of the week in the Supreme Court. Two judges were in their courtroom, intently listening to the lawyers' arguments. A crowd was gathering in the courtroom as news spread that Justice Uday Umesh Lalit's Bench was sitting a full hour-and-a-half before court hours.

Finally, a lawyer, unable to contain his curiosity, came forward to ask Justice Lalit the reason for starting early. "Sir, if children can go to school at 7 a.m., judges can sit in court at 9 a.m.," Justice Lalit replied.

The answer was simple, courteous and direct. It also gave an insight into what Justice Lalit, who is poised to take over as the 49th Chief Justice of India on August 27, is as a man and judge. His resolve to work hard came from his grandfather, Ranganath Lalit, a lawyer who chaired two separate civic receptions when Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru visited Solapur, the family's native town in Maharashtra.

Born in November 1957, he graduated from Mumbai Government Law College and began his legal practice in 1983 with M.A. Rane, a proponent of radical humanist school of thought who believed that social work was as important as building a solid legal practice.

Justice Lalit's extensive experience as a criminal lawyer who saw the toll prolonged litigation takes on people, his visits to prisons to see first-hand the plight of inmates and the chronic lack of infrastructure is evident in many aspects of his decisions as a Supreme Court judge, from making it a point to take up death penalty appeals first in his list of cases for the day to his extensive outreach programmes to provide free legal aid to the poor as executive chairperson of the National Legal Services Authority.

Struggling period

After his move to Delhi in 1985, Justice Lalit struggled in the initial years, and as his friends say, "survived" like any other young lawyer in the Supreme Court. An innately humble man, he makes it a point to address even the junior most lawyer as 'Sir' or 'Madam' in his courtroom.

Justice Lalit worked in the chambers of P.H. Parekh and Company before joining former Attorney General Soli Sorabjee's office in 1986 where he continued till 1992. As a young lawyer, finding his feet in the Supreme Court, he carefully observed Chief Justice P.N. Bhagwati and O. Chinnappa Reddy conduct their courts and fought cases pro bono (without fees). He later became an advocate-on-record and was designated a senior advocate in 2004. The Supreme Court's trust in his prowess was established when he was repeatedly called on as amicus curiae to assist the Bench in knotty cases. He gained renown as a criminal lawyer and was appointed Special Public Prosecutor in the 2G spectrum cases.

On August 13, 2014, Justice Lalit became only the sixth lawyer to be directly elevated to the Supreme Court Bench. He would be the second direct appointee from the Bar to be appointed the Chief Justice of India.

Since his elevation, Justice Lalit's capacity for work is well-known. He is known to be thorough with his briefs. "He accepted judgeship with open eyes and willingly and always made it a point to finish the work assigned to him," said a source close to him.

Humanitarian streak

His humanitarian streak is evident in the repertoire of cases he is hearing and in his decisions as a judge, from exploring a mechanism by which trial courts could better know and understand the mitigating circumstances in death penalty cases.

The firm hand of rule of law was visible when Justice Lalit sentenced fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya for contempt and directed the Home Ministry to secure his presence in India to serve his punishment. His sense of justice was witnessed in his decision to quash the sedition case against senior journalist and Padma Shri awardee Vinod Dua. Justice Lalit was part of the Constitution Bench which pronounced the historic 3:2 majority judgment setting aside the practice of instant talaq.

Justice Lalit is due to retire in November. There are many sensitive issues pending in the court, awaiting judicial attention. The measure of a man is not the time he has, but what he does with that time, a lawyer puts it succinctly.

BRITTNEY GRINER

Caught in the war

The American basketball star has been jailed in Russia on drug charges

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On Thursday, a court in Russia handed American basketball star Brittney Griner a nine-year sentence for possessing two vape cartridges containing cannabis (marijuana) oil in her luggage at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport.

The 31-year-old, a centre for WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) league side Phoenix Mercury, was detained by customs officials for carrying the illegal substance on February 17 after she landed in Russia to play for UMMC Ekaterinburg in the off-season. The trial started in early July and the conviction was largely expected, more so after Griner pleaded guilty to the charge by admitting that she had made an "honest mistake" but did not "conspire or plan to commit this crime".

But it is the severity of punishment – nearly a decade in a penal colony, a remote settlement away from the populace amid harsh surroundings – that has sent shock waves. Coming as it does against the backdrop of the Russia-Ukraine war, in which the U.S. has backed Ukraine, it is a dispute with a rather deep political hue.

Such detentions have been used in the past to advance many a nation's strategic and political goals. But rarely has someone as high-profile as Griner been involved. She is considered among the best and most dominant women's players ever to play the game and is a double Olympic champion (2016 and 2020), a two-time FIBA World Cup winner (2014 and 2018), a four-time EuroLeague titlist with Yekaterinburg, a WNBA victor with Mercury and an eight-time WNBA All-Star.

Growing up, Griner was marked out as a prodigious talent, a promise she kept rather well. Blessed with long arms, great height – she is now 6'9" – and free-flowing athletic ability, she was known as "the high school girl who can dunk a basketball". The dunk is a flashy, signature point-scoring method in the sport but is seen in higher numbers in the men's game. But Griner could do more than just jump high; she would sink it in the style of her idol LeBron James, a trait that characterises her to this day.

Griner is also a pioneer off the court, coming out as gay at the age of 22. Sport swears by the ideals of friendship, respect and equality, but still has one of the most stifling environments for those wanting to assert their gender identities by going beyond the usual male-female binary. Recently, Russian tennis player Daria Kasatkina came out as gay and spoke of "so many subjects [that] are taboo." Griner did this almost a decade ago, to be feted as a trailblazer by peers and fans alike.

Financial reasons

There may have been multiple reasons for such a champion athlete to additionally ply her trade abroad, away from her comfort zone, but one among them was economics. A report published in CBS, an American broadcasting network, put the number of WNBA players competing internationally during the off-season to supplement their income at about 70 (out of 144 roster spots).

The same report put WNBA players' minimum and maximum annual salaries at $60,471 and $228,094, respectively. The men in NBA comparatively earn at least $925,000 and upwards of $28 million.

Griner's wife Cherelle told ABC News as much. "BG would wholeheartedly love to not go overseas," she said. "She has only had one Thanksgiving (festival) in nine years. Just because, you know, she can't make enough money in the WNBA to sustain her life."

Griner was among a dozen WNBA players playing in Russia and Ukraine. Following the outbreak of the war, all of them returned, except her. After an initial period of silence from U.S. government officials, the issue escalated and is now being discussed publicly at the level of President Joe Biden, with the stage being set for 'hostage diplomacy' with Russia.

The stakes are so high that it was among the topics reportedly discussed in a meeting late last month between U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, their first direct conversation since the war broke out in late February.

While the U.S. has termed Griner's arrest and subsequent conviction a case of "wrongful detention", Russia has insisted that it is a case of the country's law taking its own course. With U.S.-Russia relations at an all-time low, a good faith discussion to secure her release seems far-fetched.

HPCL turns to ₹10,197-cr. loss as fuel prices stay frozen

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) on Saturday reported the highest-ever quarterly net loss of ₹10,196.94 crore in the first quarter as a freeze on petrol and diesel price revision wiped away record refining margins.

A standalone net loss of ₹10,196.94 crore during April-June compares with a net profit of ₹1,795 crore in the year-earlier period, according to a filing.

During the quarter, HPCL and other state-owned fuel retailers IOC and BPCL did not revise petrol and diesel prices in line with rising costs to help the government contain runaway inflation.

Misaligned pump rates

The basket of crude oil India imports averaged $109 per barrel but the retail pump rates were aligned to about $85-86 a barrel cost.

The freeze saw IOC too report a net loss of ₹1,992.53 crore. IOC's refining and petchem businesses helped it offset losses.

HPCL sells more fuel than it produces. To meet almost one-fourth of the market that it controls, it has to buy petrol, diesel and LPG from refineries that sell the fuel at market, not subsidised, rates.

HPCL's revenue from the sale of products soared to ₹1.21 lakh crore.

SBI net drops 6.7% to ₹6,068 cr. as mark-to-market losses drag

Bank delivered reasonable results in business, profitability, asset quality: Khara

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

The country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) on Saturday reported a 6.7% drop in its standalone profit after tax (PAT) to ₹6,068 crore for the quarter ended June, on account of mark-to-market (MTM) losses.

On a consolidated basis, its PAT stood at ₹7,325.11 crore as against ₹7,379.91 crore a year earlier.

SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara said during the quarter the bank had delivered reasonable outcomes in business, profitability and asset quality. "While net profit and operating profit have been impacted by the MTM losses due to hardening of bond yields, our core revenue streams have remained intact with good growth over previous year," Mr. Khara told reporters.

Stable growth: Core revenue streams were intact, with 'good' growth over the previous year, says Khara. • FILE PHOTO

The lender took a hit on account of MTM losses amounting to ₹6,549 crore on its investment book.

Mark-to-market (MTM) losses occur when the financial assets held are valued by the market at a price lower than the purchase price.

Mr. Khara said as government securities yields soften, the bank would be able to recover most of the MTM losses during this year.

"We have done some kind of sensitivity analysis. If we go by the government securities yield of 7.3%, which was yesterday's [Friday's] closing, we can write back ₹1,900 crore of MTM provision, which we have already created," he said.

NII climbs 12.9%

Net Interest Income (NII) increased by 12.9% to ₹31,196 crore, from ₹27,638 crore. Domestic net interest margins (NIM) improved by 8 bps to 3.23%, from 3.15%.

Asset quality also improved, with gross non-performing assets (GNPA) at 3.91% as against 5.32% in the same quarter of the previous year. Net NPA stood at 1% compared with 1.77%.

IOB Q1 profit rises 20% as bad loans dip

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

State-owned Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) on Saturday posted a 20% rise in net profit to ₹392 crore for the first quarter of the current financial year, helped by a decline in bad loans.

The bank's total income declined to ₹5,028 crore in the first quarter of 2022-23, from ₹5,607 crore in the year-earlier period, IOB said. Net NPAs shrank to 2.43%, from 3.15%.

Textile exports to revive soon: Commissioner Rashi

She says July's drop is only 'temporary'

M. SOUNDARIYA PREETHA
COIMBATORE

Textile and clothing exports, which saw a dip in July, are expected to rebound shortly, Textile Commissioner Roop Rashi said here on Saturday.

According to preliminary estimates, export of ready-made garments dipped 0.6% to $1,380.5 million in July from $1,389.3 million a year earlier. Cotton yarn, fabrics, and made-ups exports slid 28.3% to $943.5 million ($1,313.4 million).

Ms. Rashi told *The Hindu* that the dip in exports was only temporary and shipments would revive soon. On raising cotton productivity and quality, she said all core issues related to the

cotton sector had been identified, specific action groups formed, and the industry involved in seeking solutions. From farmers and traders to ginners and spinners, all segments of the value chain had come together.

"The industry is involved so that the solutions do not destabilise any segment [of the stakeholders]. A master plan from the industry is expected by Monday."

Chemplast Q1 PAT rises 41% to ₹41 crore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHENNAI

Chemplast Sanmar Ltd., the flagship company of Sanmar Group, has posted ₹41 crore profit after tax (PAT) for the first quarter, the company said.

The city-based company engaged in producing speciality paste PVC (polyvinyl-chloride) had reported ₹29 crore in PAT during the year-earlier period. Total revenue grew to ₹1,411 crore, from ₹960 crore.

"Despite a challenging environment, we delivered another quarter with a strong 47% growth in revenues on a year-on-year basis and 28% growth in EBITDA," managing director Ramkumar Shankar said on Saturday.

INTERVIEW | SRINIVASA BHARATHY

Tech can help cut HR effort by 60-70%: Adrenalin MD

'Pandemic has helped accelerate technology acceptance'

K. BHARAT KUMAR

Adrenalin eSystems was founded 20 years ago to offer technology solutions to help firms with their HR management. **Srinivasa Bharathy**, *MD & CEO, asserted that the company had been a pioneer in the area and had since taken its offering to the cloud, expanded into West Asia and the Asia-Pacific while continuously upgrading the product with adoption of new tech such as analytics and mobile technology. The ₹50-crore firm – an associate company of the Intellect Group – aims to double revenue in three years. Excerpts:*

If it took you 20 years to reach your first ₹50 crore, what is it about the market that gives you confidence?

■ User companies have in recent times made significant investments both in India and globally in the HR technology space. It's been unprecedented in the last two years. Even in mature markets, like the U.S., the mid-market is now growing.

In markets like India that used to start off with operational HR initially and then move into strategic HR areas, the pandemic has accelerated a few things - be it learning management or employee engagement.

Because of the hybrid model, people are working from anywhere, companies are looking at ways to engage them. Recruitment too is happening from 'anywhere'.

If you look at our own pace of sign-ups from clients, we recently had the highest billing ever in a quarter. Last year, we signed up more than 75 new clients. Pre-pandemic, it used to be 35-40 or so. We see clients

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who left us for new-age start-ups returning to us. And the traction is not just in India but also in the Middle East.

In the pecking order of digitisation, earlier, HR Tech used to be almost the last in priority, after accounting systems, production planning, logistics and customer relationship management.

The pandemic accelerated all of that. Even in manufacturing companies, for example, staff had to work outside of office, so they [companies] had to process payroll no matter where the staff sat. They had to ensure talent did not move away.

Has your data analytics offering helped clients with new insights?

■ Attrition is one area where CEOs want to narrow down and where granular information helps. In our industry, for instance, product innovation and implementation is a difficult skill to develop overnight. But if an infotech company looks at attrition as a whole, it's easy to get lost with a one-size-fits-all approach.

How has the use of technology changed the number of HR staff needed to service a 1,000-people firm, between say, 2010 and now?

■ With an HR tech platform, you'd need 60-70% less human resources staff. We generally split HR between operational HR and strategic HR. Operational HR is the transactional HR – recruitment is an example.

Earlier, you used to have one recruiter for every department in a large IT company. In other industries, you had the sales team recruiter, then the back-office team recruiter, all having separate responsibilities.

Today, the recruitment process itself is digitised. We have introduced, for example, what is called a candidate portal - the vacancies that are put up by the line managers automatically get published onto their website for candidates to view and apply. The strategic HR part is where you may need one person who understands the area of performance management, talent management, succession planning, career planning and the like.

We have introduced a learning module with a partner. Let's say for a specific combination of performance, competency, job role... the system automatically curates content and provides you with learning modules that could help you improve your performance.

Earlier, you needed a learning & development specialist who would try to do the mapping, get hold of partners for content, etc.

You can have one human resources person handling all of that. Savings of about 70% on headcount can be seen easily for mid-sized firms and above.

SPORT

LIVE TELECAST

Zimbabwe vs Bangladesh: 2nd ODI, FanCode, 12.45 p.m.
CWG 2022: Sony Ten 2, 3, Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 1 p.m. onwards
Chess Olympiad 2022: FIDE & Chessbase India Youtube channels, 3 p.m. onwards
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m. & 8.30 p.m.
West Indies vs India: 5th T20I, FanCode & DD Sports, 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

NZ completes clean sweep against the Netherlands

THE HAGUE

An unbeaten century partnership between Mitchell Santner and Daryl Mitchell led New Zealand to an eight-wicket win over the Netherlands and Twenty20 series sweep. Santner scored a career-best 77 not out and Mitchell 51 not out in propelling New Zealand to 149 for two in reply to the Netherlands' 147 for four. It won with six overs to spare. Santner reached his first T20 fifty in 29 balls. He was dropped on 43 and 56.

The scores: Netherlands 147/4 in 20 overs (Bas de Leede 53) lost to New Zealand 149/2 in 14 overs (Mitchell Santner 77 n.o., Daryl Mitchell 51 n.o.).

Rainbow HC hammers United HC

BENGALURU

Rainbow HC whipped Bangalore United HC 9-2 in the D.S. Murthy & Radha Murthy Memorial hockey tournament here.

The results:

Girls: Bengaluru Blues HC bt Greenwood High 16-0.

Men: Rainbow HC bt Bangalore United HC 9-2; Blue Star HC bt Leo's SC 'A' 12-2; Shlok HC bt New Ashoka HC 11-0; JFHA 'B' bt Garuda HC 11-5; Guru HC 'B' bt Leo's SC 'A' 13-1; Beasant HC bt New Ashoka HC 7-2; JFHA 'B' bt Blue Star HC 7-3; Guru HC 'B' bt Garuda HC 12-5; Guru HC 'A' bt Beasant HC 10-3; Rainbow HC bt Team Wildboa 7-1.

Selva Prabhu bags silver

Jumps personal best 16.15m in his second attempt

ATHLETICS

SPORTS BUREAU

Selva Prabhu Thirumaran won the men's triple jump silver in the World Athletics Under-20 Championships in Cali, Colombia, on Friday.

The 17-year-old from Madurai, who is coached by Cuban Yoandris Betanzos at JSW's Inspire Institute of Sport in Ballari, produced a personal best 16.15m in his second attempt. He finished behind Jamaica's Jayden Hibbert, who set a new championships record (17.27m) while taking the gold.

It was India's third medal at the under-20 Worlds, with the 4x400m mixed relay team (silver) and Rupal Chaudhary (bronze in women's 400m) bringing the other medals earlier.

Meanwhile, Vivek Kumar

Proud moment: Tamil Nadu's Selva Prabhu, who won the men's triple jump silver. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

missed a medal after finishing fourth in the men's javelin throw with a personal best 72.17m. Ukraine's Artur Felfner won the gold with 79.36m.

Nandini Agasara set a new under-20 national record, clocking 13.34s, while finishing third in the women's 100m hurdles and qualifying for the final as one of the fastest losers.

The men's 4x400m relay team of Barath Sridhar, Deepak Rohilla, Rihan Choudhary and Kapil finished fifth in the semifinal in 3:15.00s and failed to progress further.

Shooting World Cup toppers feted by NRAI

Sultan Singh, secretary-general of NRAI, assured all the support

KAMESH SRINIVASAN
NEW DELHI

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) felicitated the shooters who had helped the Indian team top the medals table in the recent World Cup in Changwon, Korea, and the Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany.

Some of the prominent shooters present at the function were Anjum Moudgil, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Sanjeev Rajput, Saurabh Chaudhary, Manu Bhaker, Arjun Babuta, Shahu Tushar Mane, Naamya Kapoor, Vivaan Kapoor, Vijayveer Sidhu, Rhythm Sangwan, Palak Ghulia and Shiva Narwal.

Recognition: Athletes, coaches and officials of Indian shooting at a felicitation function. • KAMESH SRINIVASAN

Appreciation

The coaches feted included the two from abroad for rifle and pistol, Thomas Farnik and Munkhbayar Dorjsuren. The Indian coaches Samaresh Jung, Suma Shirur, Joydeep Karmakar, Vikram Chopra, Manoj Kumar, Satguru Das also received the token appreciation, apart from a host of support staff.

Some of the shooters like World Cup gold medallist Mairaj Ahmad Khan could not attend owing to the ongoing selection trials in Jaipur.

The president of NRAI, Raninder Singh, was not present as he was attending to the health of his father, the former chief minister of Punjab, Captain Amarinder Singh.

Congratulations

The secretary-general of NRAI, Sultan Singh, congratulated the shooters and assured all the support from the national federation and the government.

In the World Cup in Korea, India had topped the medals table with five gold, six silver and four bronze medals. Host Korea was a close second with four gold, five silver and three bronze medals, among the 19 teams that figured in the medals table.

In the Junior World Cup in Germany, India had topped the table with 18 gold, 20 silver and eight bronze medals, for a total of 48. The second best team was Italy with four gold, two silver and five bronze.

Yuki & Saketh in doubles final

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Second seeds Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni defeated Purav Raja and Divij Sharan 6-4, 6-3 in the doubles semifinals of the $53,120 Challenger tennis in Lexington. In the ITF men's event in Tunisia, Niki Poonacha and B. Rithvik Choudary won the doubles title.

The results: $53,120 Challenger, Lexington: Doubles (semifinals): Yuki Bhambri & Saketh Myneni bt Purav Raja & Divij Sharan 6-4, 6-3.

$60,000 ITF women, Lexington (quarterfinals): Peyton Stearns (USA) bt Karman Kaur Thandi 6-3, 6-1.

$25,000 ITF women, Rio de Janeiro (quarterfinals): Riya Bhatia bt Romina Couno (Per) 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; **Doubles (semifinals):** Maria Paulina Perez-Garcia (Col) & Riya Bhatia bt Romina Couno (Per) & Sabastiani Leon (USA) 6-3, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Doubles (final): Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli & Niki Poonacha bt Li Majun & Tang Sheng (Chn) 6-3, 6-4.

$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia (semifinals): Yao Xinxin (Chn) bt Jennifer Luikham 6-3, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF women, Kottingbrunn, Austria: Doubles (semifinals): Karolina Kubanova & Ivana Sebestova (Cze) bt Tiphanie Fiquet (Fra) & Zeel Desai 1-6, 6-2, [11-9].

It's Crown Consort vs. Ashwa Morocco

HYDERABAD: Crown Consort and Ashwa Morocco should fight out the finish of the K. Mahipathi Rao Memorial Golconda Juvenile Million, the feature event of Sunday's (Aug. 7) races.

1 NIZAM SAGAR PLATE (1,100m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 1.30 p.m.: 1. Sporting Smile (3) Nakhat Singh 61, 2. Costello (10) A.A. Vikrant 60, 3. Take A Gamble (6) Santosh Raj 59.5, 4. Silk (4) G. Naresh 58.5, 5. Ambitious Star (9) R.S. Jodha 57.5, 6. Exclusive Spark (8) Md. Ismail 57.5, 7. Cabello (1) Kiran Naidu 54.5, 8. Delhi Heights (11) D.S. Deora 52, 9. Aarya (5) Abhay Singh 51.5, 10. Neffereti (7) P. Vikram 51 and 11. Precious Gift (2) P. Sai Kumar 50.5.

1. COSTELLO, 2. AMBITIOUS STAR, 3. AARYA

2 ASCOT PLATE (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II) – 2.00: 1. China Town (11) Ajeeth Kumar 56, 2. City Cruise (8) Nakhat Singh 56, 3. Hugh Capet (2) D.S. Deora 56, 4. Ivanhoe (1) P.S. Chouhan 56, 5. Path Of Peace (14) Kiran Naidu 56, 6. RX Hundred (4) Abhay Singh 56, 7. Bellaque (6) P. Vikram 54.5, 8. Bifrost (10) Suraj Narredu 54.5, 9. Clefairy (9) P. Sai Kumar 54.5, 10. Dyanoosh (13) Aneel 54.5, 11. Malibu (7) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 12. Ranjji (5) Gaurav Singh 54.5, 13. Roshanara (3) Khurshad Alam 54.5 and 14. Silver Lining (12) Kuldeep Singh 54.5.

1. MALIBU, 2. IVANHOE, 3. CLEFAIRY

3 BASARA CUP (1,800m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 2.35: 1. Grand Duke (9) R.S. Jodha 60, 2. Wallop And Gallop (2) Deepak Singh 58, 3. Advance Guard (6) Akshay Kumar 55, 4. Ashwa Sultan (4) D.S. Deora 54, 5. Yesterday (7) P.S. Chouhan 53.5, 6. Call Of The Blue (5) Kuldeep Singh 53, 7. Ashwa Migsun (1) B.R. Kumar 50.5, 8. New Hustle (8) B. Nikhil 50.5 and 9. Queen Blossom (3) Ishwar Singh 50.5.

1. GRAND DUKE, 2. ADVANCE GUARD, 3. YESTERDAY

4 JANGAON PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 3.10: 1. Carlisle (3) Kuldeep Singh 60, 2. Southern Act (13) Abhay Singh 59.5, 3. Arabian Queen (14) Akshay Kumar 58, 4. N R I Millennium (5) Mukesh Kumar 58, 5. Beauty Blaze (1) B. Nikhil 57.5, 6. High Reward (8) R.S. Jodha 57.5, 7. Neglect Me Not (11) P. Gaddam 57.5, 8. Glimmer Of Hope (6) P. Vikram 54.5, 9. The Hambone (7) B.R. Kumar 54, 10. Blast In Class (4) P. Sai Kumar 53.5, 11. Its On (2) D.S. Deora 53, 12. Euphoria (10) Ishwar Singh 51.5, 13. Special And Thong (12) Ajeeth Kumar 51.5 and 14. Briar Ridge (9) Santosh Raj 51.

1. ARABIAN QUEEN, 2. SOUTHERN ACT, 3. HIGH REWARD

5 K. MAHIPATHI RAO MEMORIAL GOLCONDA JUVENILE MILLION (1,400m) (Terms), 3-y-o only – 3.45: 1. Ashoka (1) A.A. Vikrant 56, 2. Desert Sultan (4) D.S. Deora 56, 3. Artemis Ignacia (3) P.S. Chouhan 54.5, 4. Ashwa Morocco (2) Koushik 54.5, 5. Crown Consort (5) Suraj Narredu 54.5 and 6. The Image (6) Akshay Kumar 54.5.

1. CROWN CONSORT, 2. ASHWA MOROCCO

6 WWW.HYDRACES.COM CUP (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 4.20: 1. Beauty On Parade (9) Deepak Singh 60, 2. DRD (10) Ajeeth Kumar 59.5, 3. Unsung Hero (6) Mukesh Kumar 59.5, 4. By The Bay (1) Suraj Narredu 59, 5. Char Ek Char (8) Ishwar Singh 56.5, 6. Able Love (5) Afroz Khan 55.5, 7. Miss Little Angel (11) Santosh Raj 55, 8. Shazam (2) D.S. Deora 55, 9. Bangor On Dee (4) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 10. Different (3) G. Naresh 54.5, 11. Rising Queen (7) Md. Ismail 54.5.

1. BANGOR ON DEE, 2. MISS LITTLE ANGEL, 3. BY THE BAY

7 BROWN JACK PLATE (DIV. II) (1,400m), 4-y-o & upward, rated upto 25 (Cat. III) – 4.55: 1. Cash Register (2) P.S. Chouhan 61.5, 2. Charmer (4) Gaurav Singh 61.5, 3. Pedro Planet (5) Mukesh Kumar 61.5, 4. N R I Ruby (7) Santosh Raj 61, 5. Akash (10) A.A. Vikrant 60.5, 6. Asturias (1) Ajeeth Kumar 58.5, 7. Sea Of Class (6) Aneel 58.5, 8. Astronaut (8) G. Naresh 58, 9. Red River (11) R.S. Jodha 57, 10. That's My Way (3) Afroz Khan 55 and 11. Epsom (9) B. Nikhil 50.

1. CASH REGISTER, 2. N R I RUBY, 3. PEDRO PLANET

Day's Best: **ARABIAN QUEEN**

Jackpot: 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7; Mini Jackpot: (i) 1, 2, 3 & 4. (ii) 4, 5, 6 & 7. Treble: (i) 2, 3 & 4. (ii) 5, 6 & 7. Tanala: All races.

S. Africa blanks Ireland

CRICKET

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BRISTOL

Wayne Parnell's maiden five-wicket Twenty20 International haul led South Africa to a convincing 44-run win over Ireland at Bristol on Friday as the Proteas completed a 2-0 series win.

The 33-year-old left-arm quick took five for 30 as Ireland, chasing 183 to win, was dismissed for 138 in what was its eighth successive defeat at this level.

The scores: South Africa 182/6 in 20 overs (R. Hendricks 42, G. Delany 2/24) bt Ireland 138 in 18.5 overs (H. Tector 34, W. Parnell 5/30, D. Pretorius 3/33).

India's golden harvest continues

Ravi, Vinesh and Naveen win yellow metal; Indian grapplers finish with 12 medals

Doing the country proud: Vinesh was at her intimidating best, while Ravi was in a class of his own. • REUTERS

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Iron grip: Naveen proved too strong for Tahir. • REUTERS

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Putting aside the mental and physical struggles that pegged her back, an intimidating Vinesh Phogat pounced on her rivals to complete a hat-trick of Commonwealth Games gold medals while Ravi Kumar, too, went unchallenged as the Indian wrestlers wrapped up their campaign with a rich haul of 12 medals here on Saturday.

Vinesh became the first Indian woman wrestler to win three consecutive CWG gold medals and the country, like the last edition, succeeded in winning medals in all 12 categories. India won six gold, one silver and five bronze overall.

In what was expected to be a tough opener against world championship bronze medallist Samantha Leigh Stewart, Vinesh reduced it to a no-contest and finished it in mere 36 seconds.

Next up for the 27-year-old Vinesh was Nigeria's Mercy Bolafunoluwa Adekuoroye who tried to resist a bit, but the Indian had her in an iron grip soon. Vinesh kept her in that position for more than a minute in a magnificent show of power, winning 6-0.

With only four wrestlers in the women's 53kg draw, Vinesh now needed to beat Sri Lanka's Chamodya Keshani Maduravlage Don and she did it in style, winning 'by fall' to clinch her third successive gold.

Tokyo Games silver medallist Ravi was also too strong for the 57kg field. He won both his bouts – against Suraj Singh of New Zealand and Pakistan's Asad Ali – by technical superiority en route the final.

In the final, Nigeria's Ebikewenimo Welson showed an intent to fight but Ravi had the last laugh.

Naveen (74kg) began with wins over Nigeria's Ogbonna Emmanuel John, Singapore's Hong Yeow Lou and England's Charlie James Bowling.

In the final bout against Pakistan's Tahir Muhammad Sharif, the 19-year-old Naveen won 9-0.

In the women's 50kg, Pooja Gehlot won the bronze playoff against Scotland's Christelle Lemofack Letchidjio 12-2.

Pooja Sihag (76kg) also grabbed a bronze by beating Australia's Naomi de Bruine by technical superiority.

Deepak Nehra (97kg) defeated Pakistan's Tayab Raza 10-2 in the bronze playoff to sign off things in style.

Close race: Sable, left, was separated from gold medallist Kibiwot by just five microseconds, felt he didn't do that well while getting over the last two hurdles. *Right:* Priyanka on way to the silver in the women's 10,000m race walk. • AP

Sizzling Sable ends Kenyan hegemony

Wins 3,000m steeplechase silver; Priyanka second in 10,000m race walk

ATHLETICS

SANTADEEP DEY
BIRMINGHAM

Avinash Sable ended the Kenyan hegemony in the men's 3,000m steeplechase at the Commonwealth Games – the East African nation had monopolised the CWG podium since 1988 – to win a silver with a time of 8:11.20 at the Alexander Stadium.

Sable, separated from gold medallist Kenya's Abraham Kibiwot by five microseconds, was disappointed at missing out on the chance to hear the national anthem.

"I have won the silver medal, but I regret that it was a matter of a few centimetres. I didn't do that well while getting over the last two hurdles. If that had worked, it would have been the best thing ever," Sable said.

Sable, who has been on a national record-breaking spree since March 2019's Federation Cup, bettered his own best performance for the ninth time, improving on his 8:12.48 achieved at the Rabat Diamond League in June. "Till the last 2,000m, my plan was to follow the Kenyans (Abraham Kibiwot, Amos Serem and Conseslus Kipruto) closely. Just when we entered the last 2km, I started to try and move ahead.

"But I fumbled in the last water jump as the guy in front of me came a bit on the outside. It is completely okay, can't complain. For a moment I thought, *'Arey, kya bhaag raha hai wo?'* (How is he running?) And I was just behind him. I couldn't understand where he would go. It was my error," Sable said, explaining what was he was thinking during the race.

Praise

Even eventual gold medallist Kibiwot heaped praise on Sable. After the race, they hugged each other and Kibiwot tapped Sable's shoulder and pointed towards the screen to probably break the news to the Indian that he had just registered his personal best. "We have had several races together. I decided to increase my pace in the last lap. I didn't know he was following my pace. He is very, very strong. I was seeing him come closer on the screen," the Kenyan said.

Serem claimedthe bronze.

Priyanka Goswami, who became the first Indian woman to bag a medal in 10,000m race walk at the Commonwealth Games, was stopped backstage by one of the volunteers ahead of the medal ceremony. The silver medallist was holding a small metallic statue of *Bal Gopala* (baby Lord Krishna).

However, she decided to go ahead went it, posing for the shutterbugs with the idol and her medal.

The athlete, who took the second spot with a personal best 43:38.83, said she carries the statue whenever she competes. During the race, she had kept the idol with AFI's head coach Radhakrishnan Nair.

Australia's Jemima Montag won the gold in 42:34.30 and Emily Wamusyi Ngii of Kenya the bronze (43:50.86).

TOP INDIAN PICKS

A look at some of the Indian players/teams who will be in action on Sunday:

Athletics (final): Men: Triple jump: Abdulla Aboobacker, Eldhose Paul, Praveen Chithravel (2.45 p.m.);

10,000m race walk: Amit, Sandeep (3.50 p.m.); Javelin: Rohit, Manu (12.10 a.m., August 8).

4x400m relay, 1 a.m. (August 8). Women: Javelin: Shilpa Rani, Annu Rani (4.05 p.m.); 4x100m relay, 5.20 p.m.

Badminton (semifinals): Women: P.V. Sindhu vs. Jia Min Yeo (2.20 p.m.); Men: Lakshya Sen vs. Jia Heng Teh (3.10 p.m.), K. Srikanth vs. Tze Yong Ng (3.10 p.m.).

Boxing (final): 3 p.m. onwards.

Cricket: Women (gold medal match): vs. TBD (9.30 p.m.).

Table tennis: 3.30 p.m. onwards.

Medals table

Country	G	S	B	T
Australia	57	46	49	**152**
England	50	49	44	**143**
Canada	21	29	32	**82**
New Zealand	17	11	14	**42**
India	**12**	**11**	**15**	**38**

India overcomes South Africa

Men's team wins 3-2 to make the final

HOCKEY

SANTADEEP DEY
BIRMINGHAM

The Indian hockey team overcame South Africa 3-2 in the men's semifinal at the University of Birmingham here on Saturday.

The deadlock was finally broken in the 20th minute when India's Abhishek hammered one into the bottom corner, twisting and turning past a clueless Mustapha Cassiem.

Mandeep got the ball right down the baseline a while later but failed to capitalise. His work upfront and about the midfield was impeccable throughout the game.

Jones' brilliant form, in the meantime, carried over into the next quarter as the goalkeeper's left glove came to the rescue yet again when Akashdeep had two shots on goal in the 27th minute.

India extended the lead when Mandeep, in the very next minute, fed with a long ball down the left, smoked it home even as Mustapha was busy appealing to the referee.

Joy: The Indians celebrate the third goal. • GETTY IMAGES

South Africa reduced the deficit through Ryan Julius in the 33rd minute as he went for a ferocious swing off a rebound through P.R. Sreejesh's legs.

The save of the day was reserved for the 38th minute as Jones' sprawled across to his left to deny Vivek Sagar Prasad, who injured himself moments later and was carried off the field.

Jarmanpreet took a penalty corner with 20 minutes left on the clock, but thankfully for South Africa, Jonas saved again. The team somehow managed to get under India's skin and that resulted in the suspension of skipper Manpreet Singh for two minutes with a green card.

India lost its referral while trying to look for an offence as Jarmanpreet took a tumble in the dying moments. India managed to earn a penalty corner, which was effectively converted by Jugraj seconds later.

Mustapha scored with a shot from the left, as the ball took a deflection off Sreejesh into the net but it wasn't enough when the referee blew the final whistle.

Sharath ensures two more medals

TABLE TENNIS

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Star paddler Sharath Kamal continued his sensational run to reach the finals of both the men's and mixed doubles events and assure India of at least two more medals at the Commonwealth Games here on Saturday.

Sharath first paired up with G. Sathiyan to beat the Australian pair of Nicholas Lum and Finn Luu 3-2 in a thrilling men's doubles semifinal clash.

Sharath then combined with the young paddler Sreeja Akula to enter the mixed doubles final with a sizzling 3-2 win over the Australian duo of Nicholas Lum and Minhyung Jee.

In the women's singles too, Sreeja put up a good show before suffering a narrow 3-4 defeat to Singapore's Tianwei Feng in a pulsating semifinal.

Shootout heartbreak for Indian women

Lose to Australia in semifinals, take on NZ for bronze medal

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BIRMINGHAM

It was a heartbreak for the Indian women's hockey team as it lost 0-3 in the shootout to four-time champion Australia after both the teams were tied 1-1 at the end of regulation time in the semifinal of the Commonwealth Games on Friday.

Defensive lapse

Australia took the lead in the 10th minute courtesy a defensive lapse from India as Rebecca Greiner deflected in Ambrosia Malone's cross, before India equalised in the 49th minute when Vandana Katariya neatly deflected in Sushila Chanu's defence splitting free hit from outside the circle.

A minute from the hooter, Australia secured two more penalty corners but Savita made a fine double save from the first attempt as the Indians defended out of their skin to take the match into shootout.

But it turned out to be an anti-climax for India in the shootout as Lalremsiami, Neha Goyal and Navneet Kaur missed their first three attempts, while Australia converted all their chances to set up a showdown against hosts England in the final.

The Indians, however, should consider themselves unlucky as Malone initially missed her first attempt for Australia but the umpires gave her a second chance as the clock didn't start on time. Kaitlin Nobbs and Amy Lawton were the other scorers for the Hockeyroos in the shoot-out.

In the other semifinal, England beat New Zealand 2-0 in a shootout. India will now take on New Zealand in the bronze medal match on Sunday.

Tough luck: Udita and teammates after the defeat against Australia. • GETTY IMAGES

Nitu and Panghal's stellar shows continue

BOXING

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Indian boxer Amit Panghal (51kg) reached his second consecutive Commonwealth Games final, while Nitu Ghanghas (48kg) also remained on course for a gold in her maiden appearance here on Saturday.

Panghal came from behind to beat an aggressive Patrick Chinyemba of Zambia with a 5-0 unanimous decision win.

Nitu prevailed over Canada's Priyanka Dhillon as she notched a RSC (Referee Stops Contest) victory in the minimum weight category.

Both the boxers will have to overcome local challengers in Kiaran Macdonald (men's fly) and Demie-Jade Resztan (women's minimum) in their respective final on Sunday in pursuit of their maiden gold medals.

"I know it would be tough, there would be loud cheers for him but I've to stay focused," Panghal said.

Hitting back: Panghal came from behind to beat an aggressive Chinyemba. • PTI

Smriti and Sneh help India pip England

Harmanpreet's side enters final, assures itself of a medal in inaugural edition

CRICKET

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All-rounder Sneh Rana showed nerves of steel by choking runs in the death overs as the Indian women pipped hosts England by four runs to enter the final of the Commonwealth Games on Saturday.

Needing 165 to win, England was cruising along at 132 for three. The hosts required just 33 off 24 balls, but off-spinner Sneh (4-0-28-2) gave away only three runs in the 18th and nine in the final over.

England finished at 160 for six and even a last-ball maximum from Sophie Ecclestone couldn't save the day for the hosts. It was sweet revenge for India for the 2017 ODI World Cup final loss at Lord's.

If Smriti Mandhana's 32-ball-61 was full of style and substance, Sneh, Deepti Sharma (4-0-18-1) and Pooja Vastrakar (3-0-20-0) didn't err in line or length even under pressure.

The match seemed to have decisively tilted in England's favour when Harmanpreet introduced Shafali Verma, whose friendly "donkey drops" in the 16th over fetched the home team 15 runs. But Deepti, in the 17th over, and Rana, in the 18th, collectively gave away only six runs.

Pooja conceded 13 in the 19th over but the Smriti-Taniya Bhatia combination pulled off a brilliant run out to send back the dangerous Nat Sciver and change the course of the match.

Earlier, Smriti, whose 23-ball half-century is the fastest in women's cricket, and Jemimah Rodrigues (44 not out) powered India to a healthy 164 for five in 20 overs.

The scores: India 164/5 in 20 overs (Smriti Mandhana 61, Freya Kemp 2/22) bt England 160/6 in 20 overs (Natalie Sciver 41, Sneh Rana 2/28).

Having the final say: Sneh choked the run-flow in the death overs as India won by four runs. • GETTY IMAGES

INDIANS' JOURNEY

Athletics: Women: 10,000m race walk (final): Priyanka Goswami (silver), Bhawna Jat (8th); 4x100 relay (heats): Second in Heat 1 (enters final); 200m (semifinals): Hima Das (10th overall, DNQ for final). Men: 3000m steeplechase (final): Avinash Sable (silver).

Badminton (quarterfinals): Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Jin Wei Goh (Mas) 2-1, Aakarshi Kashyap lost to Kirsty Gilmour (Sco) 0-2; Doubles: Treesa/Gayatri bt Richardson/Wynter (Jam) 2-0. Men: Lakshya bt Julien Georges (Mri) 2-0, K. Srikanth bt Toby Penty (Eng) 2-0; Doubles: Satwiksairaj/Chirag bt Schueler/Tang (Aus) 2-0.

Boxing (semifinals): Men: Flyweight: Amit Panghal bt Patrick Chinyemba (Zam); Featherweight: Mohammad Hussamuddin lost to Joseph Commey (Gha), bags bronze; Women: Minimumweight: Nitu Ganghas bt Priyanka Dhillon (Can); Light flyweight: Nikhat Zareen bt Savannah Alfiya Stubley (Eng); Lightweight: Jaismine lost to Gemma Paige Richardson (Eng), bags bronze.

Cricket: Women (semifinals): bt England by four runs.

Hockey: Men (semifinals): bt South Africa 3-2; Women (semifinals): lost to Australia 0-3 in shootout (FT: 1-1)to meet New Zealand for bronze.

Lawn Bowls: Men's Fours (gold match): lost to Northern Ireland 5-18.

Squash: Men's doubles (quarterfinals): Velavan/Abhay lost to Ng/Yuen (Mas) 0-2. Mixed doubles (semifinals): Dipika/Saurav lost to King/Coll (NZ) 0-2.

Table tennis: Men: Singles (quarterfinals): Sharath Kamal bt Yong Izaac Quek (Sgp) 4-0; Sathiyan bt Sam Walker (Eng) 4-2. Doubles (semifinals): Sharath/Sathiyan bt Lum/Luu (Aus) 3-2; Women: Singles (semifinals): Sreeja Akula lost to Tianwei Feng (Sgp) 3-4, to meet Yangzi Liu (Aus) for bronze; Doubles (quarterfinals): Sreeja/Reeth lost to Wong/Zhou (Sgp) 1-3; Manika/Diya lost to Carey/Hursey (Wal) 1-3; Mixed doubles (semifinals): Sharath/Sreeja bt Lum/Jee (Aus) 3-2.

Wrestling: Men: Freestyle: 57kg (for gold): Ravi Kumar bt Ebikewenimo Welson (Ngr); 74kg (for gold): Naveen bt Muhammad Sharif Tahir (Pak); 97kg (for bronze): Deepak Nehra bt Tayab Raza (Pak). Women: Freestyle: 50kg (for bronze): Pooja Gehlot bt Christelle Lemofack Letchidjio (Sco); 53kg (Nordic System): Vinesh Phogat (gold); 76kg (for bronze): Pooja Sihag bt Naomi de Bruine (Aus).

Gukesh stuns Caruana as India 2 roars

Chennai boy now World No. 20 in live ratings; India 1 women retain lead after battling to a draw

RAKESH RAO
MAMALLAPURAM

Raising the bar: Raunak and Gukesh notched up superb victories over their famed opponents from the USA. • B. VELANKANNI RAJ

If ever any proof was needed of India's growing chess prowess, four fearless teenagers presented it to the world in a telling manner on Saturday. Silently, they made a huge statement by bringing down the mighty USA. In doing so, they provided the biggest talking-point of the 44th Chess Olympiad here.

In a display of immense self-belief, D. Gukesh, Nihal Sarin, R. Praggnanandhaa and Raunak Sadhwani joined hands to script a sensational 3-1 victory over Fabiano Caruana, Levon Aronian, Wesley So and Leinier Dominguez Perez – ranked between 5 and 12 in live ratings. Never before has the chess world seen a bigger upset in over 90 years of this prestigious team competition.

Before a late blunder from P. Harikrishna in a 102-move marathon proved decisive as Armenia retained its one-point lead at 15 points and India 1 battled to a 2-2 draw against second seed Ukraine to stay ahead in the women's section, Gukesh and Raunak scripted stunning victories for India 2, seeded 11.

R. Praggnanandhaa and Nihal Sarin, rated 105 points and 110 points behind their illustrious rivals in live ratings, pressed hard for victories against Wesley So and Levon Aronian but eventually settled for draws.

Gukesh, now ranked 20th and rated 25 points behind Caruana in live ratings, was struggling in the opening phase but took it as an opportunity to test his skill-sets with black pieces against a high-quality player. Gukesh saw his chance following Caruana's knight-move on the 31st turn. Over the next 15 moves, Gukesh kept finding the precise continuation and delivered the knockout punch by offering his queen. Caruana realised the impending checkmate and resigned to give Gukesh his eighth straight win that made him the second Indian, Viswanathan Anand being the first, in world rankings.

Absolute beauty

Raunak's knight-offer on the 21st move was an absolute beauty. But Dominguez, under time-pressure, committed the decisive blunder on the 40th move and resigned five moves later. That completed India's greatest team victory.

The results (with match-points):

Eighth round: Open: Armenia (15) bt India 1 (12) 2.5-1.5 (Gabriel Sargissian bt P. Harikrishna; Hrant Melkumyan drew with Vidit Gujrathi; Samvel Ter-Sahakyan drew with Arjun Erigaisi; Robert Hovhannisyan drew with S.L. Narayanan).

USA (12) lost to India 2 (14) 1-3 (Fabiano Caruana lost to D. Gukesh; Levon Aronian drew with Nihal Sarin; Wesley So drew with R. Praggnanandhaa; Leinier Dominguez Perez lost to Raunak Sadhwani).

India 3 (10) lost to Peru (12) 1-3 (Surya Shekhar Ganguly lost to Emilo Cordova; S.P. Sethuraman drew with Cristhian Cruz; Abhijeet Gupta lost to Renato Terry; Murali Karthikeyan drew with Deivy Vera Siguenas).

Germany (12) lost to Uzbekistan (14) 1.5-2.5; Kazakhstan (12) lost to Azerbaijan (13) 1.5-2.5; Netherlands (13) bt Hungary (11) 3-1; Iran (13) bt France (11) 2.5-1.5; Ukraine (11) drew with Brazil (12) 2-2; Lithuania (12) bt Croatia (10) 2.5-1.5; Slovenia (11) drew with Czech Republic (11) 2-2.

Women: India 1 (15) drew with Ukraine (13) 2-2 (K. Humpy drew with Mariya Mukzychuk; D. Harika drew with Anna Muzychuk; R. Vaishali drew with Anna Ushenina; Tania Sachdev drew with Nataliya Buksa).

India 3 (11) lost to Poland (13) 1-3 (Eesha Karavade drew with Alina Kashlinskaya; P.V. Nandhidhaa lost to Oliwia Koilbasa; Pratyusha Bodda lost to Maria Malicka; Vishwa Vasnawala drew with Michalina Rudzinska).

Croatia (10) lost to India 2 (11) 0.5-3.5 (Mirjana Medic lost to Vantika Agrawal; Anamarija Radikovic lost to Padmini Rout; Tihana Ivekovic drew with Mary Ann Gomes; Tereza Dejanovic lost to Divya Deshmukh).

Georgia (14) bt Armenia (12) 3.5-0.5 Romania (12) drew with Azerbaijan (12) 2-2; Kazakhstan (13) bt Slovakia (11) 3.5-0.5 ; Bulgaria (13) bt Greece (11) 3-1; Mongolia (13) bt Hungary (10) 2.5-1.5; USA (11) drew with Czech Republic (11) 2-2; Vietnam (10) lost to Germany (12) 1.5-2.5; Spain (12) bt Italy (10) 2.5-1.5.

Gukesh — a potential superstar

Has won all his eight games, some against the world's best

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
MAMALLAPURAM

Announcing his arrival: Gukesh has clearly been the best player at this Olympiad. • B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Many more moves remain to be made at the 44th Chess Olympiad, but it is unlikely anyone will shake it more than what D. Gukesh already has.

He is having a remarkable run. He has won all his eight games for India 2, on the top board – that is, against some of the best players in the world.

He is just 16. And he is doing it at a venue not far from his hometown, Chennai. He could not have chosen a bigger stage than the Olympiad to announce his arrival as a potential superstar of world chess, or better venue than this, for that matter.

He has clearly been the best performer at this Olympiad. Before squaring up against his biggest rival here yet, Fabiano Caruana of the United States on Saturday, he had put up some mighty impressive performances in the last few rounds, against higher-rated players like Alexei Shirov of Spain and Gabriel Sargissian of Armenia.

He won against the American, too. Shortly after his victory, he said Caruana was one of his favourite players.

The statistics would also give you a fair idea of how dominant Gukesh has been. His performance rating at the moment is a whopping 3366. He is spearheading the strong challenge from India 2 for a team medal. He is leading the race for the individual gold on the top board, too.

"Anything is possible with the way Gukesh is playing," coach R.B. Ramesh said.

Grandmaster Pravin Thipsay thinks if Gukesh continues to show the kind of progress he has of late, he could mount a challenge for the World title within a few years.

"What he is doing here is incredible, the kind of which I have never seen before at the Chess Olympiad," the veteran of seven Olympiads and head of the Indian delegation here, told *The Hindu*.

"I was impressed by his games. He has been nearly flawless. And we shouldn't forget that it is in classical chess that he is doing this, not in rapid or blitz, or online for that matter."

Inspiration to others

Pravin believes the rapid strides Gukesh is making will inspire the other hugely talented Indian teenagers, like Arjun Erigaisi, R. Praggnanandhaa and Nihal Sarin. They are all playing here.

They have all had significant successes on the global stage in recent times, but Gukesh has become the first among them to touch the magical 2700 Elo points.

He is the fourth youngest in the world to achieve the feat, after Wei Yi, Magnus Carlsen and Alireza Firouzja, and the only sixth Indian, after Viswanathan Anand, K. Sasikiran, P. Harikrishna, Vidit Gujrathi and B. Adhiban.

The rest seems to have done Raunak a world of good

VISWANATHAN ANAND

I am still ecstatic that India 2 has beaten the USA 3-1 in Round 8 of the Chess Olympiad. Raunak Sadhwani won an incredible game and I hope it doesn't get lost in the justified praise of D. Gukesh's win.

Gukesh beat Fabiano Caruana and it's hard to explain what a huge upset that was. Fabiano has been one of the world's absolute top players for the last eight years. He's been World No. 2, or very close by, for the last eight years. So, you can imagine what Gukesh has accomplished with the black pieces.

There was a point in the game where Fabiano could repeat the moves three times. Fabiano declined it and Gukesh punished him. His calculation, execution, everything was flawless in what was a very different, difficult position. Just an amazing result.

By the way, I don't have an idea if 8/8 wins for Gukesh might just be a record. I simply cannot recall a score like this. I recall, Vladimir Kramnik scored 8.5 from nine rounds in 1992, but I guess, he did not score eight wins on the trot.

In fact, earlier in the match, Raunak Sadhwani came up with, what was for me, the most amazing move, that knight-sacrifice.

I think he found it on the board which makes it so much harder. It is easy to see with the computer, but it's remarkable to see in on the board.

It was very good that Raunak was rested for two days and it seems to have done him a lot of good. After this, he conducted it flawlessly for a beautiful win. The domination using his queenside pawns, kingside pawns all these double rook-pawns, but pinning the black knight and winning the game. So, a phenomenal result for India.

Nihal Sarin was better, but I think Levon Aronian never allowed it to get very serious. And there was one more draw involving R. Praggnanandhaa.

Armenia did beat India 1 to stay in the lead. P. Harikrishna's defeat is obviously a blow and a surprise because

normally he is one of the best defenders around. From our perspective, that's a pity because it also allows Armenia to retain the lead and it's tough for India 1.

On the other hand, the good news is R. Vaishali holding Anna Ushenina. It was not the most glamorous or fantastic game.

But at the end of the tournament, we may look back and think that holding Ukraine to a draw was a very important moment in our campaign. India 3 women had a very bad day, but India 2 women had a good day.

Against a formidable Poland, for India 3, Eesha Karavade and Vishwa Vasnawala drew but P.V. Nandhidhaa and Pratyusha Bodda lost on the middle boards.

On the brighter side, against Croatia, India 2 won with wins from Vantika Agrawal, Padmini Rout and Divya Deshmukh.

But overall, a tough day was made memorable by our boys from India 2. I'm out of superlatives.

CASAGRAND
Building aspirations

Bastami goes to Steelers for a whopping sum

AMOL KARHADKAR
MUMBAI

Bastami. • COURTESY: AMIRHOSSEINBASTAMI/INSTAGRAM

Pawan Sehrawat, who became the most expensive signing in Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) history, said he wants to win the league for Tamil Thalaivas.

"I haven't won the PKL for a team other than Bengaluru Bulls. When I joined Gujarat Giants, we lost in the final (in the fifth season in 2017)... so I want to win the PKL this time for Thalaivas," said Sehrawat on Saturday.

While Sehrawat, who fetched a whopping Rs. 2.26 crore, the concluding day of the auction saw an Iranian emerge as the biggest buy.

Starting at a base price of ₹10 lakh, defender Amir Hossein Bastami saw UP Yoddhas, Dabang Delhi and Gujarat Giants go for him in the initial round of bidding.

Once Giants pulled out at the ₹50 lakh mark, Haryana Steelers entered the fray and got him for ₹65.10 lakh.

Among the Indians, Ravi Kumar was signed for ₹64.10 lakhs by Dabang while Neeraj Narwal was bought for ₹43 lakh by Bulls. Rinku Narwal went to Giants for ₹40 lakh.

A total of 130 players were sold during the two-day auction. The dates for the ninth season are yet to be finalised.

IN BRIEF

PBL-6 from December 17

NEW DELHI

The sixth Premier Badminton League (PBL) is scheduled to be held from December 17 to January 14, 2023. The league will make a return after a break of two years owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are thrilled with the return of PBL. It's a crucial part of Indian badminton and has contributed to the growth of the sport in the country," BAI president Himanta Biswa Sarma said in a release. "It has provided a much-needed platform for our young players to showcase their talent on such a huge global platform." PTI

Australia beats India

PROSTEJOV (CZECH REPUBLIC)

Sixth seed Australia beat India 2-0 in the positional match for the lower placings in the World Junior Tennis under-14 Finals here.

The results: Play-off 9-16: Australia bt India 2-1 (Emerson Jones bt 6-1, 6-4; Tahlia Kokkinis bt Aishwarya Jadhav 6-1, 6-3).

Pant, Rohit and bowlers sew up series win

Men in Blue prove too good for the West Indians, take an unassailable 3-1 lead

INDIA IN WI

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LAUDERHILL

Rohit Sharma maintained his unbeaten record as captain in bilateral T20Is after India made short work of West Indies by defeating the island side by 59 runs to take an unassailable 3-1 lead in the five-match series here on Saturday.

It was a perfect weekend for the NRIs in and around Florida, as India first scored 191 for five with useful knocks from Rishabh Pant (44, 31b, 6x4) and skipper Rohit Sharma (33, 16b, 2x4, 3x6), and a cameo from Axar Patel (20 n.o., 8b, 1x4, 2x6).

On a ground where the highest successful run-chase by any team is 98, a target of 192 was simply out of question, and the West Indies innings folded for a lowly 132 in 19.1 overs.

While Brandon King (13) and Kyle Mayers (14) started the chase on a bright note, hitting Bhuvneshwar Kumar for three boundaries in the opening over, things went downhill from that point.

Saturday happened to be the day when Bhuvneshwar's new-ball partner Avesh Khan (2/17 in 4 overs) was ready to shed his tag of being profligate with a couple of fine spells. Arshdeep Singh picked up three wickets for 12 runs in three overs.

Guiding hand: Pant scored a 31-ball 44 in a typically busy innings. • AFP

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Rohit Sharma b Hosein 33 *(16b, 2x4, 3x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav lbw b Joseph 24 *(14b, 1x4, 2x6)*, Deepak Hooda c King b Joseph 21 *(19b, 2x4)*, Rishabh Pant c Drakes b McCoy 44 *(37b, 6x4)*, Sanju Samson (not out) 30 *(23b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Dinesh Karthik b McCoy 6 *(9b)*, Axar Patel (not out) 20 *(8b, 1x4, 2x6)*; Extras (lb-4, w-9): 13; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 191.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-53 (Rohit, 4.4), 2-61 (Suryakumar, 5.3), 3-108 (Hooda, 11.2), 4-146 (Pant, 14.6), 5-164 (Karthik, 18.1).

WEST INDIES BOWLING

Hosein 4-0-28-1, Drakes 4-0-31-0, McCoy 4-0-66-2, Joseph 4-0-29-2, Holder 4-0-33-0.

WEST INDIES

Brandon King c & b Avesh 13 *(8b, 3x4)*, Kyle Mayers c Hooda b Axar 14 *(16b, 2x4)*, Devon Thomas c Hooda b Avesh 1 *(4b)*, Nicholas Pooran run out 24 *(8b, 1x4, 3x6)*, Rovman Powell c Hooda b Axar 24 *(16b, 1x4, 2x6)*, Shimron Hetmyer b Bishnoi 19 *(19b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Jason Holder c Samson b Arshdeep 13 *(9b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Akeal Hosein c Suryakumar b Bishnoi 3 *(10b)*, Dominic Drakes b Arshdeep 5 *(7b, 1x4)*, Alzarri Joseph (not out) 6 *(10b)*, Obed McCoy b Arshdeep 2 *(8b)*; Extras (lb-3, w-5): 8; Total (in 19.1 overs): 132.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-18 (King, 1.4), 2-22 (Thomas, 3.1), 3-49 (Pooran, 4.6), 4-64 (Mayers, 6.6), 5-82 (Powell, 8.5), 6-101 (Holder, 11.2), 7-106 (Hosein, 14.1), 8-116 (Hetmyer, 14.6), 9-128 (Drakes, 17.2).

INDIA BOWLING

Bhuvneshwar 3-0-21-0, Avesh 4-0-17-2, Axar 4-0-48-2, Arshdeep 3.1-0-12-3, Bishnoi 4-0-27-2, Hooda 1-0-4-0.

Toss: WI. **MoM:** Avesh Khan.

India won by 59 runs and took an unassailable 3-1 lead in five-match series.

Fifth and final T20I: Aug. 7 (Sunday).

Flying start for Spurs

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCIES
LONDON

Tottenham Hotspur started its Premier League campaign with a 4-1 defeat of Southampton on Saturday.

The results: Premier League: Fulham 2 (Mitrovic 32, 72-pen) drew with Liverpool 2 (Nunez 64, Salah 80); Bournemouth 2 (Lerma 2, Moore 80) bt Aston Villa 0; Leeds United 2 (Rodrigo 24, Ait Nouri 74-og) bt Wolves 1 (Podence 6); Newcastle United 2 (Schar 58, Wilson 78) bt Nottingham Forest 0; Tottenham Hotspur 4 (Sessegnon 21, Dier 31, Salisu 61-og, Kulusevski 63) bt Southampton 1 (Ward-Prowse 12); Everton 0 lost to Chelsea 1 (Jorginho 45+9-pen).

Bundesliga: Borussia Dortmund 1 (Reus 10) bt Bayer Leverkusen 0.

On Friday: Premier League: Crystal Palace 0 lost to Arsenal 2 (Martinelli 20, Guehi 85-og).

Bundesliga: Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Kolo Muani 64) lost to Bayern Munich 6 (Kimmich 5, Pavard 10, Mane 29, Musiala 35, 83, Gnabry 43).

Kulusevski. • AFP

Ahamed and Deepak complete a 1-2

First win for Rajiv Sethu; fifth victory on the trot for Sarvesh

MOTORSPORTS

SPORTS REPORTER
CHENNAI

K.Y. Ahamed led a 1-2 finish for Petronas TVS Racing in the third round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2022 at the Madras International Circuit, here on Saturday. Similarly, Rajiv Sethu finally chalked up his first win of the season and Sarvesh Balappa his fifth-in-a-row in their respective categories.

Ahamed scored a merited win in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category with team-mate Deepak Ravikumar in tow. The unbeaten run of champion Rajini Krishnan (RACR Castrol Power1), who had won the previous four races over two rounds, ended as he went off the track when in the lead due to mechanical issues, but managed to finish third.

Later, in a heart-stopper in the Pro-Stock 165cc race, Rajiv Sethu fought and won a tense battle that kept the final outcome in suspense until the very finish. The lead Honda star held off Petronas TVS Racing pair of Deepak Ravikumar and Ahamed even as leader and pole-sitter Prabhu Arunagiri (Pacer Yamaha) crashed in the dying moments of the six-lap race.

Off the mark: Rajiv Sethu (No. 8) holds off the competition. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The results (Provisional – all six laps unless mentioned): National Championship - Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open: Race-1: 1. K.Y. Ahamed (Petronas TVS Racing) (11mins, 18.989secs); 2. Deepak Ravikumar (Petronas TVS Racing) (11:19.095); 3. Rajini Krishnan (RACR Castrol Power1) (11:28.348).

Pro-Stock 165cc Open: Race-1: 1. Rajiv Sethu (Idemitsu Honda SK69 Racing) (11:48.625); 2. Deepak (11:48.900); 3. Ahamed (11:49.128).

Novice (Stock 165cc): Race-1 (4 laps): 1. Sarvesh Balappa (Axor Sparks Racing) (08:48.175); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (Rookies Racing) (08:48.414); 3. Aldrin Babu (RACR Castrol Power1) (08:52.063).

Support Race - Stock 301-400cc (Novice): 1. Jayanth Prathipati (12:30.951); 2. Shazan Khan (Race Abilities) (12:33.847); 3. Vivek M (Race Abilities) (12:34.581).

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup - NSF 250 Open: Race-1: 1. Sarthak Shrikant Chavan (11:06.145); 2. Kavin Qunital (11:15.856); 3. Shyam Sundar (11:18.495).

Novice (CBR 150): Race-1: 1. Raheesh Mudassar Khatri (12:58.915); 2. Shyam Babu (13:02.234); 3. Siddesh Sawant (13:02.345).

Support Race - Hornet 2.0: Race-1: 1. Allwin Xavier (13:27.649); 2. G Balaji (13:28.030); 3. Romario John (13:30.665).

Girls (Stock 165cc): 1. Ann Jennifer (Alpha Racing) (02:09.111); 2. Lani Zena Fernandez (RACR Castrol Power1) (02:09.297); 3. Ryhana Bee (Pacer Yamaha) (02:10.031).

Petronas TVS One-Make Championship - Rookie (Apache RTR 200): Race-1: 1. Chiranth Vishwanath (12:26.838); 2. R.S. Abdul Basim (12:48.315); 3. K.R. Tamizhinian (12:48.431).

Girls (Apache RTR200) (5 laps): 1. Aditi Krishnan (11:10.496); 2. Ananya Awasthi (11:20.938); 3. Nishitha (11:29.921).